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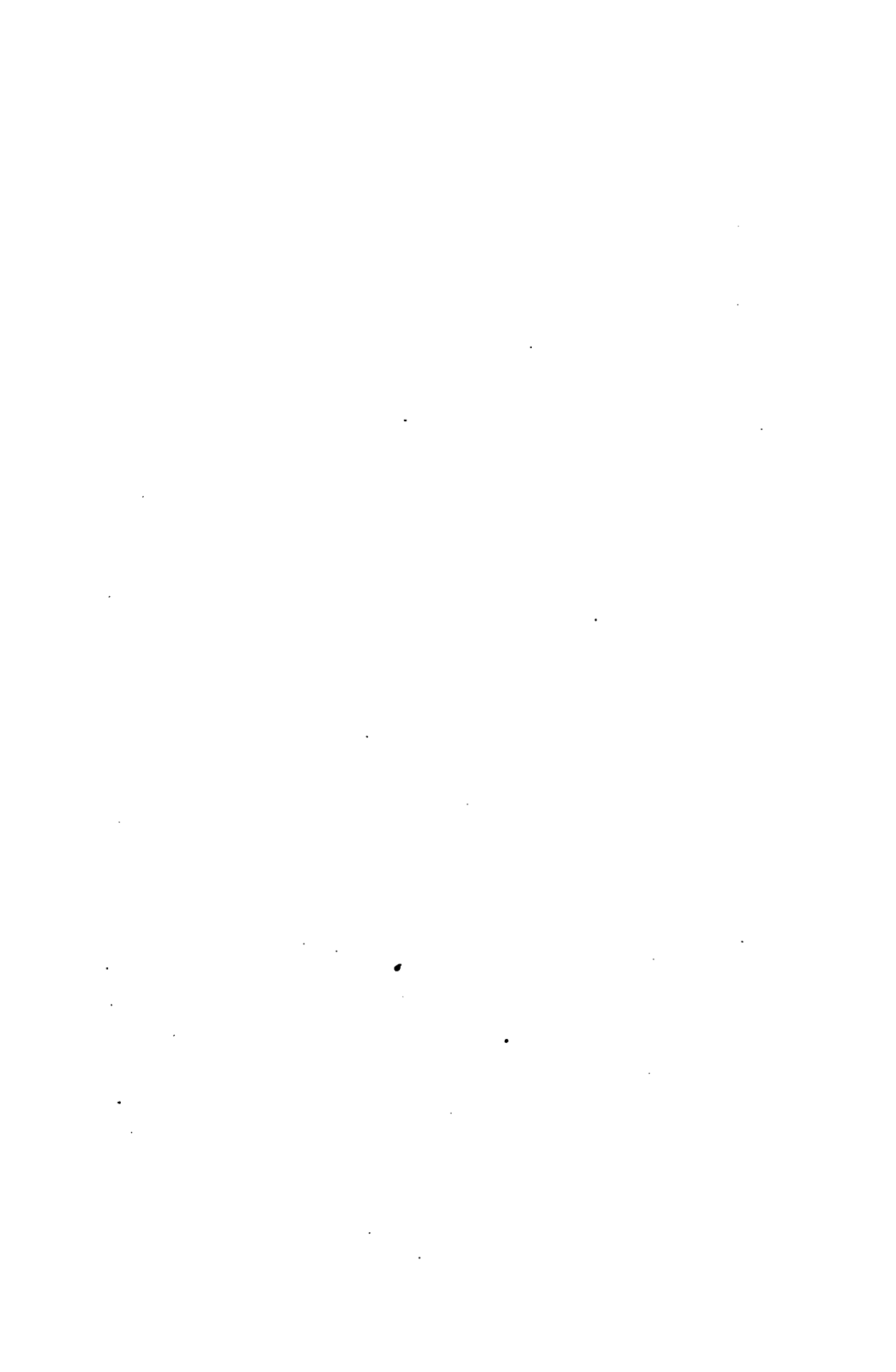


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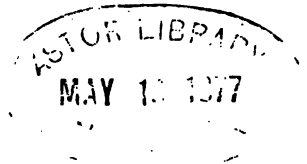
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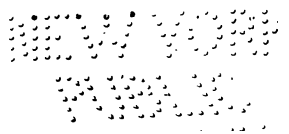


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## TRUSTEES.

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WILLIAM H. MATHEWS, President of the Common Council.

JOHN HASTINGS, Chairman of the Committee of the City Council on Public Instruction.

ELECTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR.,	Term expires Jan., 1878.
GEORGE H. DUNBAR,	Term expires Jan., 1878.
WARREN LADD,	Term expires Jan., 1879.
OLIVER A. ROBERTS,	Term expires Jan., 1879.
ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.,	Term expires Jan., 1880.
S. GRIFFITTS MORGAN,	Term expires Jan., 1880.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD.

THE MAYOR.

CLERK.

OLIVER A. ROBERTS.

COMMITTEES.

*On the Library*—The Mayor, Messrs. Ladd, George Howland, Jr., Morgan and Dunbar.

*On the Building*—Messrs. Hastings and Mathews.

*On the Binding and Blanks*—Messrs. Abraham H. Howland, Jr., and Morgan.

*On the Museum*—Messrs. Morgan, Roberts and Dunbar.

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LIBRARY.

GEORGE H. DUNBAR.

LIBRARIAN.

ROBERT C. INGRAHAM.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS.

JOSEPHINE A. MERRICK.

MARY E. BROWN.



# REPORT.

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*To the City Council of the City of New Bedford:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Trustees of the Free Public Library herewith submit their Twenty-fifth Annual Report:

The Library continues to be an influential factor, and as an auxiliary to our schools, is performing an important part in our educational system.

The experience of a quarter of a century attests the wisdom of its inception, and indicates for it, in the future, a broader sphere of usefulness.

It is a fountain of knowledge and of culture at which all are freely invited to drink; and none are deprived of its blessings. The number of books annually taken from its shelves evinces the high regard in which it is held, as an educator, by our people, and shows the extent to which they avail themselves of its intellectual and moral wealth.

In the Report of the CENTENNIAL celebration in this city, July 4th, there is an able and elaborate history of our Free Public Library; its establishment, progress and present condition, from which we intended to have made copious extracts, but it is so interwoven and linked together, and one statement follows another in such close logical sequence, that we were unable to make selections that would impart a true idea of its value and importance; we therefore suggest that it be published in full, as an appendix to this report.



## NEWSPAPERS.

During the year, there has been an increased interest manifested in the Newspaper Department. The papers furnished are constantly read, by people who seem to appreciate the facilities offered for obtaining general news.

We regret that there are not more ample accommodations for this department, and trust that the time is not distant when it will be enlarged, and the sphere of its usefulness extended.

## INCREASED ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE LIBRARY.

In last year's Report we stated that it would not "be many years before the whole of the Library building will be required for purposes connected with the Library."

Another year's experience compels us to repeat, with emphasis, the statement then made in regard to more and better accommodations, and we earnestly call the attention of the City Council to the subject. We feel satisfied that, if the City Council, by a Committee, will make an examination of the Library, the crowded state of its shelves, and the impossibility, with the present room, of a proper classification and arrangement of its books, will impress upon them the necessity for the increased facilities we have suggested.

## SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND TRUST FUND.

It is well understood that the Trustees of the Free Public Library have ever been firm in the opinion that the City Treasurer should credit the Library with the interest upon its proportion of the Sylvia Ann Howland Fund, from the date it was received by the City Treasurer, to the date of the City Ordinance regulating the bequest.

The interest we claim as due the Library amounts to *two thousand five hundred and forty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents.*

The City Treasurer has not felt at liberty to credit this amount to the Library account, until authorized so to do by a vote of the City Council.

In order to have the opinion of the legal officer of the city as a basis of action, His Honor, the Mayor, submitted the question in dispute to the City Solicitor.

Under date of Dec. 19th, 1876, the City Solicitor, in his reply to the Mayor's inquiries, closes as follows :

“In my opinion the city should pay interest at six per cent. per annum, on the amount received, from the time of the several payments by the executors up to the date when the Ordinance, regulating the care and custody of the bequest took effect; from which last date I understand interest has been regularly paid by the city to the Trustees of the Free Public Library.”

It will be seen that the opinion of the City Solicitor fully sustains the position assumed by the Trustees. We doubt not his opinion will be entirely satisfactory to the City Council, and that it will at once inaugurate the necessary measures to carry it into effect.

The Librarian furnishes the following records of the operations of the Library during the past year :—

Whole number of books taken from the library during the year, *fifty-eight thousand three hundred and eighty-six.*

Daily average of volumes delivered, *one hundred and ninety.*

Total number of cards issued up to the present time, *fourteen thousand nine hundred and seventy*; an increase over last year of *seven hundred and eighty-five.*

There have been added to the Library during the year by

purchase *ten hundred and fifty-five* volumes : by donation, 187 bound volumes, 93 unbound volumes, and 478 pamphlets.

Total number of volumes in the Library, *thirty five thousand*.

There are twelve newspapers upon the stand. One of them, the *London Times*, is kindly furnished by Benjamin Lindsey, Esq.

It is quite an interesting study to note the kind and character of the books taken from the Library, indicating, as it does, in a measure, the habits, tastes and intellectual status of the patrons of the Library.

After examination, the Librarian classifies the books taken from the Library during the year 1876 as follows :—

Theology and Philosophy.....	3	per cent.
Law and Political Science.....	1	“
Arts and Sciences.....	5	“
History.....	3	“
Biography.....	9	“
Voyages and Travels.....	3	“
Fine Arts.....	1	“
Works of Fiction.....	72	“
Miscellaneous.....	3	“

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Upon the desks there are *one hundred and eighteen periodicals*, three of which, the *Gardener's Monthly*, the *Poultry World* and the *American Library Journal* have been added this year.

The publication in the newspapers of the new books purchased, and the issuing of quarterly bulletins of the same cannot any longer be considered an experiment, but, henceforth must be adopted as a part of the regular machinery for operating the Library.

In the appendix will be found a detailed statement of our receipts and expenditures ; also a full statement of the present condition of the several Trust Funds, with a list of donations received for the year 1876, and the names of the donors.

In behalf of the Board of Trustees,

ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR., Mayor.

O. A. ROBERTS, Clerk.



# APPENDIX.

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 1876.

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### STATEMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

1876, January 1. Cash on hand,		\$138.95
Receipts from sales of Catalogues and Bul-		
letins,		15.70
Fines,		<u>271.71</u>
		\$426.36
Paid for Atlases,	\$44.00	
Books,	111.50	
P. O. Box, Postage, Postals, etc.,	16.37	
Expressage,	15.22	
Sundries,	32.26	
Benjamin Jenkins (sign),	3.00	
E. Anthony & Sons,	40.00	
Sherman (P. O. Scales),	12.00	
Jobber,	9.75	<u>284.10</u>
1877, January 1. Cash in hands of Librarian,		\$142.26

## STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

## FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1876, January 1.	Cash on hand,		\$474.21
“	6. One-half net receipts from dog licenses,		833.82
March 26.	Annual Appropriation,		3,300.00
	Credits of Money returned to the City Treasurer,		9.78
			<u>\$4,617.81</u>
Bills approved February 1,		\$1,017.99	
“	March 26,	800.67	
“	April 29,	465.95	
“	June 24,	746.07	
“	August 26,	111.58	
“	October 4,	883.16	
“	December 23,	228.77	4,254.19
			<u>\$363.62</u>
1877, January 1.	Cash on hand,		\$363.62

## TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS.

1876, January 1.	Balances on hand:		
	Sylvia Ann Howland Fund,		10,660.75
	George Howland Junior Fund,		101.17
	Charles W. Morgan Fund,		36.74
			<u>\$10,798.66</u>

SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND.

1876, January 1. Unexpended balance of in-	
come,	\$10,660.75
One year's interest,	3,000.00
Credits, cash returned to City	
Treasurer,	9.55
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	\$13,670.30

Bills approved (solely for books, pe-  
riodicals and binding) as follows :

January 29,	\$289.31	
February 26,	298.69	
March 26,	302.13	
April 29,	146.49	
May 27,	383.72	
June 24,	150.16	
August 26,	66.87	
October 4,	636.32	
October 28,	216.25	
November 25,	177.09	
December 23,	267.49	2,934.52
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1877, January 1. Balance of income unexpended,		\$10,735.78

The detailed statement of expenditure from the income  
of this Fund is as follows :

Academy Natural Science,	\$5.00
Alice Lewis,	2.00
American Baptist Publication Society,	2.50
Beneman and Wilson,	4.00
B. Westerman,	7.61
Catholic Publication Society,	4.18
Charles L. Woodward,	77.86
Dawson Brothers,	3.16
D. G. Fisher,	65.71
D. Van Nostrand,	31.00
Edward B. Boggs,	1.50
Edwin Dews,	129.91



E. P. Raymond,	3.00
E. Steiger,	5.65
E. W. Nash,	20.75
F. Leypoldt,	3.20
Geo. P. Putnam & Sons,	362.80
G. W. Hopkins,	9.00
Harper Bros.,	3.25
H. O. Houghton & Co.,	3.20
James Campbell,	57.20
James M. Lawton, Jr.,	192.08
Joel Munsell,	145.75
John Ferguson,	13.75
Little, Brown & Co.,	8.10
Mass. Historical Society,	4.00
Munn & Co.,	12.00
National Subs. Agency,	51.45
Nelson & Phillips,	1.25
New England Subs. Agency,	149.65
N. Y. Geneal. and Biog. Society,	2.00
Scribner, Armstrong & Co.,	6.68
Sheldon & Co.,	3.20
S. Hutchinson,	996.22
S. R. Crocker,	1.50
Scribner, Welford & Armstrong,	221.39
Scribner, Welford & Co.,	166.82
U. S. Patent Office,	50.30
Universalist Pub. Society,	2.50
W. B. Davis,	8.20
W. F. Draper,	3.70
W. H. Farrington,	9.50
W. T. Harris,	2.00
<b>Total audits for 1876,</b>	<b>\$2,934.52</b>

**GEORGE HOWLAND JUNIOR FUND.**

1876, January 1. Unexpended balance of income,	\$101.17
One year's interest,	96.00
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1877, January 1. Balance unexpended,	\$197.17

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CHARLES W. MORGAN FUND.

1876, January 1. Unexpended balance of income,	\$36.74
One year's interest,	60.00
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1877, January 1. Balance unexpended,	\$96.74

Total unexpended balances in the control of the Board of Trustees :

1877, January 1. Sylvia Ann Howland Free Public Library Fund,	\$10,735.78
George Howland Junior Fund,	197.17
Charles W. Morgan Fund,	96.74
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	\$11,029.69

OLIVER A. ROBERTS,

Clerk of the Board of Trustees.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, Jan. 1, 1877.



## THE NEW BEDFORD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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[This sketch of the history of the New Bedford Free Public Library was prepared to accompany the volumes of its reports sent to the Centennial Exposition, and is now, by unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees, re-published in the Report of the Free Public Library for 1876.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, recognizing from the earliest period of its history the educational influence of public libraries, gave the assistance of its legislation in the promotion of their establishment and management.

Early in the present century, laws were enacted giving corporate powers to the proprietors of Social Libraries, many of which had been established in various parts of the Commonwealth; and under the provisions of the law the number was increased, their condition made permanent, and their management rendered convenient and effective.

But a few years after the incorporation of the town of New Bedford, the want of books and the inability of most of the inhabitants to procure them, led to a combination of effort for that purpose.

The early settlers of the village of Bedford were intelligent as well as industrious, frugal and virtuous. They were so far enlightened as to understand the value of books, and they saw clearly that the remedy for individual inability to procure them, was such a combination of means and efforts as would render the united ability the property of each.

Several such combinations were formed in New Bedford previous to the passage of the act conferring upon them corporate powers.

The proprietors of Dobson's Encyclopædia were the earliest to form this social and profitable arrangement. For our unlearned and isolated people this work was a library in itself. Eagerly and thoroughly were its pages read and consulted; and the well-worn volumes, now in the Free Public Library, bear testimony to the fact so creditable to the people of the village.

The Library Society followed. This was a more comprehensive effort. The desire for books had outgrown the ability of Dobson to satisfy. New Bedford was fortunate in having among its people, men who could give a profitable direction to that intelligence which needed the assistance of books to supply its cravings for gratification and increase. In this respect the young and prosperous community was favored beyond the average, in that day, of villages whose population was mainly composed of toilers in the workshop and upon the sea.

The Social Library followed. This was a vigorous, well directed, and well managed association. The good sense of all recognized the wisdom of combination, and in the union there was found strength. The three associations were united, and the New Bedford Social Library had a long, prosperous, and profitable career. Its collection of books was never large, never exceeding five thousand volumes; but such was the care and intelligence bestowed upon their selection that it was well and truly said of it, that take those five thousand volumes out of it, the libraries of the world could not supply their place with other books as well adapted to the wants of such a community.

When the passage of the State law allowed the proprietors to become a body corporate, advantage was taken of its provisions. For nearly half a century, this valuable collection of books was the principal source whence was supplied the desire of the people for knowledge and intellectual recreation. "Library-day" was always a welcome day. There was in attendance generally a large number of intelligent seekers; and the result of that intercourse with books for which this library provided was a marked and most promising and interesting feature in the characters of the young men and women of New Bedford.

Thus speaks the poet of that early day, which to us of the present may seem the "day of small things" in the intellectual history of our city.

I warm to think, as this bright scene I scan,  
 How it has ended, how it first began.  
 Far from this crowd of manhood and of grace,  
 I wander back o'er half a century's space.  
 The little town, in sombre garb arrayed,  
 Gleams still through flaunting fashion and parade;  
 I see its fathers, prudent still, yet fain  
 To grow in learning as they grow in gain.  
 Happy for us, this simple truth they knew,  
 That cash is good, but culture something too.  
 All books were scarce; most books were somewhat dear,  
 Yet how they sowed the far-brought treasure here!  
 True to their time, but truer to ourselves,  
 Think how editions gathered on their shelves!

'T was nobly done, to make the school-house free!  
 A nobler school-house, fitly founded, see!  
 Not that all lore from reading can be had,  
 For too much reading sometimes makes us mad;  
 But education, still a life-long friend,  
 Goes on with life, with that can only end.

To join together all that makes refined  
 The wisdom, art and fancy of mankind;  
 To lend to all who hither come to read  
 The utmost help to meet their utmost need:  
 What ampler work could ample fortune do,  
 To self, to city, to the world more true?  
 A hundred glorious gardens here we find;  
 Oh, culture still this garden of the mind!  
 Oh, plant and water, dear as wealth unbought,  
 The flower of fancy and the oak of thought!\*

It was an easy and natural step from the law granting corporate powers to social libraries, to that by which the towns and cities of the State were allowed to establish municipal libraries, and to raise by taxation the means for their purchase and support.

That act had its origin in the fundamental principle, that the State should provide for the education of the people. Under the influence of this Harvard College had been established, and the public school system had become an integral part of the public polity. The act by which the several municipalities were allowed to establish free public libraries, had its origin in the idea that this State guardianship and legislation, to be perfected, should be complemented by a provision for the extension of the educational period into adult life.

It was seen

"That education, still a life-long friend,  
 Goes on with life, with that can only end."

The adult school and the free public library are both the offspring of the educational policy of the Commonwealth founded by the Puritans.

This intimate and complementary connection between the schools and the library was clearly apprehended and stated by the trustees of the New Bedford Free Public Library. Under this point, in their second annual report, they use the following language:

"Our library has become one of the institutions of the city.

\*Charles Taber Congdon's poem at the laying of the corner stone of the Library Building.

“It has become a valuable, and will soon be considered as an indispensable, auxiliary in the work of popular education.

“It has become incorporated both in idea and in fact, into the catalogue of subjects demanding the fostering care and annual support of the municipal government.

“Its claims for such attention and support are founded upon principles which lie at the foundation of our republican institutions.

“To train and enlighten the public mind is a work to which a liberal portion of the public wealth must be devoted; and as being in harmony with this idea, and as the cap-stone of our system of public education, the Public Library has claims upon all whose aim is the promotion of the general welfare.

“Such was the *theory* when the work was begun by the state and completed by the city,—such is now the *fact*, demonstrated by our experience and placed beyond the reach of doubt or cavil.”

The ACT TO AUTHORIZE CITIES AND TOWNS TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC LIBRARIES was passed by the General Court of Massachusetts, May 24, 1851.

The ORDINANCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND GOVERNMENT OF A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, in New Bedford, was passed August 16, 1852.

The first movement in the undertaking was an unsuccessful one. It was made in the City Council July 8th, 1851, by Warren Ladd, then a member of the popular branch of that body. The order was only to consider the expediency of the measure. It passed the Common Council without a dissenting voice, but the Aldermen non-concurred. It will be seen that this movement was but *forty-five* days after the passage of the enabling act.

On the 27th of May, 1852, a large petition, headed by James B. Congdon, was presented to the Council.

This movement originated with a society of young men, called the Union Debating Association. This society, at a meeting held April 6th, 1852, in connection with a preamble-declaratory of the conviction that a free public library would be of great advantage to the young men of the city, passed the following resolution:

“*Resolved*, That this Association cause petitions to be circulated praying our municipal authorities to establish such an institution.”

The petition was referred to the Committee on Public Instruction, who reported on the 14th of June. They recommended an appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars for the establishment of the library.

In their report, the committee attach great importance to the fact that they had been assured that “provided the authorities should, by the

passage of the order making the appropriation asked for, establish the principle, that the maintenance of a free city library for the continuous education of the people will be the settled polity of the city," the *five thousand* volumes of the New Bedford Social Library would be transferred to the city.

Quoting the words of James B. Congdon, through whom this offer of the proprietors of the library was made, they say: "With such a foundation to build upon, with the appropriation now prayed for to give it a position for immediate and extended usefulness, the library would open to our inhabitants the means of innocent enjoyment and of valuable acquisition, and be a source of commendable pride to our citizens."

But the Free Public Library had, in fact, been established before the presentation of the report. The appropriation bill for the year which had already passed, contained an item of *fifteen hundred dollars* for the library. Councilman Pitman,\* who was a member of the committee to whom the petition was referred, had anticipated the favorable action of the council, and had introduced and carried an amendment to the bill making the appropriation as above stated. This amendment was made previous to the presentation of the report of the committee. The appropriation bill passed July 20, 1852. *The date of the adoption of that amendment is the date of the establishment of the New Bedford Free Public Library.*

The library was opened for the use of the people and the delivery of books on Thursday, the third day of March, 1853.

The ordinance establishing the Boston Public Library was passed October 12th, 1852, and the doors were opened for the delivery of books on the 2d day of May, 1854.

The number of volumes at the opening was between five and six thousand.

It is an interesting and creditable fact, that the New Bedford Free Public Library is the only public library established under the law of 1851, excepting that in Boston, noticed by Edwards in his elaborate "Memoirs of Libraries" published in London in 1859. The following extract is from the second volume of that able work. After reciting the provisions of the law, the author proceeds as follows:

"The first town to take action under this Statute was New Bedford, by whose Council a Free Public Library was established in August, 1852. The proprietors of a Subscription, or 'Social Library' transferred their collection to the new foundation, which was opened for public use on the 3d of March, 1853, with about 6000 volumes. This number has been, within about three years, increased to 9000; and in

\* Hon. ROBERT C. PITMAN, one of the judges of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth.



their fourth report, the Trustees are enabled to affirm that 'it is undoubtedly true that no Act of the municipal authorities of New Bedford has reached with its recreative and improving operation so large a part of our population, and probably none has ever met so universally and deeply the approbation of the people. A Free Public Library is the crowning glory of the system of public education, which has been from our earliest history the pride of Massachusetts.' In a Report of the preceding year there is a passage bearing on a point which is always interesting in connection with the present subject—that of the selection of books: 'While care has been taken,' say the Trustees, 'that no publication injurious to the public morals should find a place upon our shelves, we have endeavored to divest ourselves, in our efforts to place before our fellow citizens the means of a more extensive and genial culture, of all narrow and sectarian partialities. In this report we are gratified to be able to state that no difference of opinion has for a single moment interrupted the harmony and unanimity of our proceedings.'"

The State law and the City ordinance under the authority and direction of which our Free Public Library was established are models of comprehensive brevity. The one contains twenty and the other twenty-seven lines—about one printed page. The law gives the power to assess a tax for library purposes, and contains the following important provision:

"Any town or city may receive in its corporate capacity, and hold and manage, any devise, bequest or donation, for the establishment, increase or maintenance of a public library within the same."

The ordinance provides for the election of trustees, and confers upon them all the powers necessary for the establishment and management of the library.

The number of trustees was originally six, three *ex-officii* and three at large, chosen annually. A change has been made by which the number at large is increased to six, two being chosen every year for three years. The *ex-officii* members of the board remain the same,—the Mayor, who is president, the President of the Common Council, and the Chairman of the Joint Standing Committee of the City Council on Public Instruction.

Robert C. Ingraham was appointed librarian, and the library has had no other. At first he had no helper. It was soon found necessary to provide an assistant, and he now has two, both ladies.

The Rules and Regulations first established are contained in the first Report. They have been twice changed. Those now in force will be found in the twenty-second annual Report. In accordance with their provisions, a superintendent has been added to the officers of the library.

From this starting point it will be interesting to consider the history and progress of the library, under the more important aspects in which they are presented in the reports and other publications.

They may be arranged as follows :

The books, their number, character and rate of increase.

The pamphlets and newspapers.

The Library building.

Donations : books, pamphlets, pictures.

Trust funds.

Reports.

Dartmouth Centennial.

Catalogues, bulletins and advertisements.

We have seen that the library was opened with about six thousand volumes upon its shelves. Five thousand of these were from the Social Library. It is due to the memory of the enlightened and conscientious men who were active in the establishment and management of that library again to call attention to the high character of its collection. To those upon whom it devolved to take charge of it after it had become the property of the city, this elevated character of the former managers and of the books which their scrupulous integrity and enlightened zeal had gathered were well known ; and both the men and the books had an important influence in the right direction in the selection of the additions the trustees were called upon to make.

The six thousand volumes have, in the twenty-three years which have elapsed since the opening of the library, increased to thirty-four thousand, an average increase of a little more than twelve hundred volumes annually.

It is not within the scope of this brief notice of the institution, to enter into such an examination of the works which are found upon its catalogue as will enable the reader to obtain a very decided idea of its distinctive character or relative position.

Its managers have always kept in view the fact, that a public library must be a popular library : and one result of a steady regard to this idea has been, that, with the exception of two or three hundred volumes, the books are all in the English language. This fact should be considered in connection with that of the number of volumes it contains.

The managers have not felt at liberty to apply the means at their disposal to the purchase of costly publications,—costly because rare, or because of the expensive character of their binding, illustration or ornamentation. The library is not without many such productions, but they have been obtained mainly by the direct or indirect agency of its benefactors.

In natural history and periodical literature it is distinctively rich; and it has been, from the beginning, the aim of the managers to devote a liberal share of their means to the collection of such works as are valuable to the artist and the artizan in the attainment and practice of their respective occupations.

One room is devoted to the public documents of the state and nation, in which the collection, although not perfect, is very full.

The voluminous issues of the Patent Office are all upon the shelves.

The publications of the Smithsonian Institution are all to be found there.

The series of the London Art Journal complete, with a large number of illustrated works devoted to a description of art, ancient, mediæval, and modern, give evidence that the managers have recognized and acted upon the fact of the educational and elevating influence of the beautiful. The income of one of the funds for the increase of the library has been wholly devoted to the purchase of this class of publications.

The number of pamphlets is about eight thousand. Most of them are arranged according to their subjects, so as to be conveniently consulted. From the opening of the library, constant efforts have been made to collect and arrange the publications of a local character. The publications of the municipal government, both town and city, are complete.

The library does not possess an extensive collection of newspapers. Most of those it holds are of a local publication, and some of them are complete and very valuable.

The New Bedford Mercury was first published in 1807, only twenty years after the incorporation of the town, and is still issued. *Eighty-six bound volumes* of this valuable publication were presented by Benjamin Lindsey, who was its publisher from 1831 to 1862. For nineteen years it was published by his father, and five years by the father and son. The issues since Mr. Lindsey's liberal donation have been added.

To Mr. Lindsey the library is also indebted for a volume of the Christian Philanthropist, a weekly paper published in New Bedford about half a century ago, containing all the numbers.

The Daily Evening Standard, a valuable and successful newspaper, is among the highly prized possessions of the library. In 1862, *eleven bound volumes* were presented to the institution by its publisher, Edmund Anthony. It was established by him in 1850, and all the issues are now to be found in the library.

The beautiful building now occupied by the New Bedford Free Public Library was erected in 1856-7. Its cost was about forty thousand dollars. It is built of brick, with granite underpinning and steps, and free-stone ornaments. A view of the building accompanies this volume.\*

\*The volume of reports.

The corner stone of the Free Public Library building was laid on the 28th of August, 1856. The published account of the simple but interesting ceremonial makes a part of the collection to which this brief sketch is an introduction.

The principal exercises were an introductory address by George Howland, Jr., Mayor of the City, an address by James B. Congdon, and a poem by Charles T. Congdon of New York.

In the address of Mr. Congdon, as well as in several of the annual reports, the positions are assumed that the Free Public Library of New Bedford was the first established by order or ordinance under the law of 1851; the first from which books were issued under said law; that the Library Building was the second whose construction was commenced after its passage; and that prior to its establishment and the delivery of books therefrom, there had never existed a library established and wholly supported and managed by a municipality, free to all the inhabitants, its books for the use, at the library or at home, of all the people without payment or pledge.

Mr. Congdon in his address brings vividly forward the men who had been active in the earlier efforts to secure to the people the benefits of a library, and makes honorable mention of those whose intelligent activity had been crowned by the establishment by the city of the New Bedford Free Public Library.

The author of the poem had been a New Bedford boy, and was able to give a very lively description of the prominent features of the old Social Library.

In the appendix to the "Proceedings" and in the notes to Mr. Congdon's address, there will be found a large amount of valuable information, and interesting contributions to the local history of New Bedford.

Of the Library Building the upper rooms only are occupied by the library. The principal room is neat and tasteful in its architectural features and convenient in its arrangements. It has two tiers of alcoves, one on the floor, and one on the gallery which is carried around the whole room excepting on the north end where the stairs lead to it. An iron railing divides the alcoves from the visitors. Reading desks outside the railing contain the periodicals, which are accessible to all; and seated at these desks the visitors are, in addition to these, furnished with any books they may wish to consult. The delivery is at a table at the north end. A stand for newspapers occupies a central position in the room. Six other rooms are occupied for library purposes, four for books, one for the trustees, and one for the convenience of the librarian and his assistants.

The library has had a growth unexpectedly rapid, and at this time the

want of more room is severely felt. The want will probably be supplied by removing the public offices and giving the library the whole building, or by enlarging it.

The reports all contain lists of the yearly donations of books, pamphlets, and newspapers, and care has always been taken to notice these accessions and express the obligations of the trustees to their numerous benefactors.

Nearly the whole collection of pamphlets and newspapers are donations.

The contributions of books amount at this time to not less than two thousand volumes.

The most valuable upon the list is a perfect copy of Audubon's Birds of America. This was the gift of James Arnold. Mr. Arnold and family contributed many other valuable publications.

Audubon's Quadrupeds was contributed by the family of Andrew Robeson.

The care taken to give every donation, whatever its character, its proper place for useful and convenient reference, has led to the preservation and presentation of much reading matter which formerly found its way into the paper-mills.

Under the head of donations it may be well to notice the few pictures which are found in the library. A landscape by William Allen Wall, an engraving of Bierstadt's celebrated painting of the Rocky Mountains, and a chromo of Bradford's "Wrecked Sealer," are the principal pictures other than the portraits. Two of the portraits are in the main library room, one of George Howland, Junior, by Wilson, the other of James B. Congdon, by Eaton. The first named was executed by order of the City Council of New Bedford; the other was a contribution by a large number of the citizens, friends of Mr. Congdon. These portraits are full length and full size, and occupy the north and south ends of the library-room respectively.

The other portraits are hung in the trustees' room, to which they constitute appropriate and cherished ornaments.

A rude unfinished portrait of William Rotch, by an artist by the name of Hinkley, is a sufficiently correct delineation of the benevolent and expressive features of that great and good man to render it valuable in the absence of any other.

The portraits of James Arnold, Charles W. Morgan, and Thomas A. Greene, are all by William A. Wall. The memory of these men, who have long been numbered with the departed, will ever be cherished in the community which was for a long series of years made better and

happier by their presence. An engraved portrait of Captain Rowland R. Crocker is highly valued. A glance at the index which accompanies this volume, will show that the names of all these men have had honorable mention in the publications of the trustees of the library.

The Trust Funds established for the benefit of the library are three.

The first upon the list is the **GEORGE HOWLAND JUNIOR FUND**.

Its amount is the sum of two years' salary of George Howland, Junior, as mayor, sixteen hundred dollars. Mr. Howland, in his note accompanying the donation, expressed the wish that the income might be expended for such works as, from their more expensive character, the trustees might not feel justified in purchasing from the limited city appropriation. The condition has been strictly complied with; and many rare and valuable books are now the property of the library by reason of this timely and liberal benefaction.

Under the will of Charles W. Morgan, there was paid to the city by William J. Rotch, his executor, the sum of one thousand dollars, which constitutes the **CHARLES W. MORGAN FUND**. The income of this fund has generally been expended in the manner described in the preceding notice. This bequest, with countless other acts of intelligent and warm-hearted benevolence with which the life of this gentleman was crowned, has endeared his memory to the hearts of all the inhabitants of the city.

Under the will of Sylvia Ann Howland, the city of New Bedford was paid the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. The testament of this excellent lady contained the following interesting item:

"I give and bequeath to the city of New Bedford the sum of one hundred thousand dollars; and direct that this sum shall be invested judiciously, under the direction of the City Council, and the income therefrom shall be expended and used for the promotion and support within the city of liberal education, and the enlargement, from time to time, of the Free Public Library."

With the utmost care and deliberation, by the aid of many of the wisest and best minds of our city, an ordinance was framed and adopted by the City Council to carry into effect the provisions of this munificent bequest.

In the twentieth report of the trustees of the library all the proceedings connected with the enactment of this important ordinance are fully set forth, and in various other reports will be found notices and statements connected with its history and administration.

Of this bequest, fifty thousand dollars were set apart for the library, and constituted the **SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**FUND.** Its income is now the chief dependence of the trustees for the "enlargement" of the library, as the appropriation by the city barely suffices for the salaries and other expenses of the institution.

During the delay which attended the litigation upon the will of the deceased, the funds of the estate largely increased, and in addition to the bequest of fifty thousand dollars which constitutes the fund, about ten thousand dollars was paid into the treasury of the city as interest or income and placed to the credit of the library.

Under the direction of the trustees of the library a plain white marble tablet commemorating this noble act was placed in the principal room of the institution, which is thus described on the twelfth page of the twenty-second report:

"It is surrounded by a frame of tasteful design and of perfect execution. The whole, both in plan and performance, including the site selected for its erection, is one which commends itself to the good sense, the feelings of propriety, and the grateful emotions of the people of New Bedford. The inscription upon the tablet is as follows: 'This tablet commemorates the enlightened liberality of Sylvia Ann Howland, who bestowed upon the city of New Bedford the sum of two hundred thousand dollars: one hundred thousand dollars to aid in supplying the city with pure water; and one hundred thousand as a fund for the promotion of liberal education by the enlargement of the Free Public Library, and by extending to the children and youth of the city the means of a wider and more generous culture.' "

It will be seen by this inscription that the whole amount bequeathed to the city of New Bedford by this lady was two hundred thousand dollars. One half the sum was applied to the construction of the New Bedford Water Works; the other was equally divided, forming the library and educational funds.

The amount of the several trust funds established for the benefit of the Free Public Library, which have been severally noticed, is fifty-two thousand six hundred dollars.

The annual income is three thousand one hundred and fifty-six dollars.

This income is a vital element in the existence of the library. We have seen that the ordinary annual appropriation is necessarily absorbed by the expenses of management. It is therefore mainly upon the income of the permanent funds that the trustees depend for the supply of books and periodicals, and for the constant renovation which the active use of the books renders necessary.

The simplicity, convenience and effectiveness of the method by which these trust funds are managed, commends it to the approval of every

one by whom it has been carefully examined, and has received the sanction of the judicial authority of the Commonwealth.

The city is the trustee, No judicial act was necessary to establish this trusteeship.

The trust was created by the receipt of the money. The ordinance recognizes the trust obligations, fixes the rate of income, and regulates the management. The trustees of the Free Public Library are by the ordinance the agents of the trustee, which is the city. They are held to a rigid conformity to the conditions of the bequest and the requisitions of the ordinance. The routine by which the agents are held to a faithful performance of the trust committed to them, and by which the city authorities are constantly informed, even to the minutest details, of the proceedings of the board of trustees, is a model of order and efficiency.

Should a judicial inquiry at any time be thought desirable, the reports of the trustees of the library would furnish all the needful evidence as to the manner in which the trust has been administered.

It should be remembered that one ordinance regulates the administration both of the library and educational funds. In the case of the latter, the agency is placed with the school committee. They are held to the same careful administration, and subject to the same severe scrutiny as the library board.

The annual Reports of the board of trustees are twenty-four in number. These reports, with the "Corner Stone Proceedings," constitute the volume to which this brief introduction is attached. They make an aggregate of seven hundred pages. As eighteen of the whole number were prepared by the same hand, the general principles of management are made prominent throughout the series, and the character of the facts stated and the methods of arrangement will be found to be harmonious. The annals of but few public institutions have been for so long a period so faithfully presented. They are "short" and they are "simple," but they contain a large amount of valuable information, practical suggestion, and interesting local history. Through them the citizens of New Bedford have had spread before them the operation and condition of their favorite institution, and in this way their faith in its value has been sustained and strengthened, and their zeal on its behalf kept alive and increased.

As the New Bedford public library was the pioneer undertaking, its reports have been widely distributed over the country, and have been found very useful in guiding the efforts of those who have been engaged in the establishment of similar institutions. The encouragement of our success and the aid extended by our methods have in many cases done much towards insuring a favorable result to the public library movements in various parts of the country.



A novel but in one view a highly valuable feature of these reports, is the brief biographical notices that are to be found in the series. The necrology of the Free Public Library Reports contains many notices of the prominent citizens of New Bedford, whose intelligence, integrity, enterprise and benevolence, have endeared their memories to the people and constituted them stirring and influential examples of true Christian manliness of character.

The brief memoirs of Thomas A. Greene, James Arnold, Thomas Mandell, Henry H. Crapo, and others are not only pleasant and tender offerings to the memory of departed worth, but are pregnant with rich lessons for inciting the young into the paths of wisdom and an honorable distinction, and for their guidance and protection.

We hope that this interesting and valuable feature of these reports will be retained; and that these "discourses of the dead" will not be restricted to those who may have been connected with the library. Let a niche be found for all who, like those whose names have already had honorable mention, shall have left behind them a record, the perusal of which shall revive pleasant memories and prompt to noble deeds.

The celebration of the Old Dartmouth Centennial in 1864 was an event, an account of which may here have a brief mention. Its inception was with the trustees of the library, and its arrangements and success were largely the result of their action and efficient cooperation.

The fullness of the report that was made of the proceedings on the occasion, renders unnecessary any extended notice.

The celebration took place on the 14th of September. Two hundred years before the old town of Dartmouth received from the General Court at Plymouth its municipal charter. The then new town covered the territory which now includes the towns of Dartmouth, Westport, Fairhaven, and Acushnet, and the city of New Bedford. The municipal authorities of all these places united in the celebration, and numbers of the people of them were present at the exercises.

A few years after the incorporation of the town, and as early as any written record of its public proceedings bears date, King Philip's war laid desolate the new-born municipality. At the close of the first century another desolating war was raging; and, fired by the torches of General Grey's red-coated regulars, who in their lust for liquor and appetite for destruction rivalled the exploits of the red men of Metacom, the thriving village of Bedford and seventy sail of vessels in its harbor became a prey to the flames. Another century passes, and when in 1864, on the arrival of the second centennial period, the people were called together that it might receive an appropriate commemoration, another

war, more mournful in its incidents and results than those in which the red men and the red-coats had participated, was desolating the land.

These striking Centennial coincidents were used with good effect by the orator and poet, the Honorable William W. Crapo, now member of Congress, and James B. Congdon. The address of Mr. Crapo is a model in its selections, its arrangement, and its pure and eloquent diction. In addition to the incidents of which we have spoken, the speaker presents, in a just and forcible manner, the history of the controversy between the town of Dartmouth and the Plymouth authorities in relation to the support of an Orthodox ministry. The conflict was long and bitter culminating, on this side of the water, in the imprisonment by the Province Rulers of the selectmen who had refused to obey the mandate of the Court. But the Baptists and Quakers of Dartmouth and Tiverton triumphed. An order of the King in council set the prisoners free and nullified the tax.

The poem of Mr. Congdon presents in a simple but pleasing manner the three centennial epochs. The presence of Major Andre at the raid upon Bedford, as a member of the staff of General Grey, is an incident which the writer has used with good effect.

The account of the "Old Dartmouth Centennial, September 14, 1864," makes a volume of one hundred and thirty pages. It contains much matter of local and permanent interest beside that of which we have made mention. We have space for the mention of two only of the many items of this valuable compilation.

The address of Governor Clifford, who was present in the double capacity of citizen and representative of the Massachusetts Historical Society, possesses at this time a peculiar interest as being the last ever made by him at a public meeting of his fellow-citizens. Often in that hall and from that platform had he spoken, with a felicity of diction, a grace of manner, and a power of expression seldom equalled in our state or country. But he never came nearer to the hearts of our people than he did on this occasion, when, with that beauty of speech and that ease and grace of manner so peculiarly his own, he spoke of the noticeable incidents of our local history. We have never forgotten, and we love now more than ever to remember, the outburst of applause which followed this delightful effort of impromptu oratory.

The old Borough of Dartmouth, England, the fishing community at the mouth of the Dart, gave *our* old Dartmouth its name. Many incidents connected with its name and history made this ancient borough, whose franchise dates back to the reign of Richard Cœur de Leon, closely associated with the commemorative exercises.

An address "To the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of Dart-

mouth, County of Devon, England," had been prepared, and was read to the meeting. Having been signed by the Mayor, Aldermen, Common Councilmen, and Clerk of the city of New Bedford, and by the Selectmen and Town Clerks of the towns uniting in the celebration, and beautifully engrossed, it was sent to its destination.

The time required by its engrossment, and to obtain the large number of necessary signatures of persons dwelling widely apart, brought the end of the year before it could be forwarded.

It was not until WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY, 1866, that the Mayor of the city received a response to this greeting from the old Dartmouth of America to the old Dartmouth of Great Britain. But when it was received the delay was not cared for or thought of. The reply was dated on the "FOURTH OF JULY," 1865, was signed by the Mayor, Recorder, Clerk, and Burgesses of the Borough of Clifton Dartmouth Hardness, in the County of Devon, England. One of the Councillors bears the significant name of John Bully. It is a well written document, and its tone is kind and manly. In these respects it fully met the circumstances of the occasion and the wishes and expectations of those to whose greeting it was an answer. But the form in which it appeared was a surprise and a delight. Its elegant chirography upon vellum is a picture in itself; and this, with its beautiful illuminations of border and other chaste ornamentation, give the whole a rare, rich, and attractive appearance.

The seal of the city, which occupies a central position upon the parchment, and is one of its chief ornaments, tells most significantly the story that Richard I of England conferred the franchise upon the borough. Richard's fleet made a rendezvous in the harbor of Dartmouth as he was about to embark upon his crusade to the Holy Land. Upon the seal, Richard's ship rests upon the waters, and the King with crown and sceptre is the occupant. Two stars, one on each side of the King, may be emblems of the two mighty men who were about to contend for the possession of the Holy Sepulchre or of their respective faiths.

Such a missive called for a fitting frame. Our neighbors of Dartmouth provided a log of well seasoned and finely grained white-oak, and the taste of a New Bedford artist and artisan wrought from it a frame in no way unworthy of this beautiful production of our trans-atlantic brethren. It hangs in the trustees' room of the library, and forms its most attractive ornament. All the documents connected with this pleasant and interesting interchange of courtesies will be found in the fifteenth annual Report.

The Catalogue, which embraces all the books of the library up to March, 1874, is in three volumes. The last, which is the second Supple-

ment has just been published. The first was printed in 1858, and contains 355 pages; the first Supplement in 1869, 315. The second Supplement just printed has 472, making in all eleven hundred and forty-two pages.

The labor of preparing these volumes and carrying them through the press has all been performed by the accomplished librarian, Robert C. Ingraham. They constitute a monument of his zeal, intelligence, and industry.

Since January, 1874, eight Quarterly Bulletins have been published, which embrace all the books added to the library from that date to December, 1875. These will be continued. In addition to this, as often as a sufficient number of books is purchased, generally once a month, they are advertised, by a brief title, in the daily newspapers.

The following summary statement, which was prepared for publication before the preceding pages were written, will furnish an appropriate close to our brief history of the New Bedford Free Public Library.

NEW BEDFORD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Established by City Council August 9th, 1852, under the law of the Commonwealth enacted May 24th, 1851.

Opened for the delivery of books March 3d, 1853.

Free to all inhabitants of the city.

Number of volumes when opened,.....5,200

    Of Social Library,.....5,000

    Purchased,.....200

Library building erected by the city, 1856, at a cost of.....\$40,000

Annual expenditure .....\$7,000

Annual appropriations by the city, and expenses paid by same.. 3,844

Income from trust funds..... 3,156

The income from trust funds is all expended for books.

Catalogue, 1st vol., 1858; 2d, 1869; 3d, 1876. Quarterly Bulletins of accessions from January 1st, 1874. Accessions published in two newspapers.

Number of volumes, January 1, 1876.....33,000

All in the English language but about ..... 200

Number of pamphlets ..... 6,000

Number of periodicals ..... 100

Number of newspapers ..... 18

Volumes taken from the library in 1875.....55,771

## Officers:—

Nine trustees, three *ex-officio*; six chosen by City Council, each for three years.

Superintendent.

Librarian, salary.....\$2,000

Two assistant librarians, (female) salary of each..... 400

Open, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, every day, from 9 o'clock A. M. to 9 o'clock P. M., with one interval of *two* hours and one of *one* hour.

## NECROLOGY OF NEW BEDFORD.

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In the brief history of the New Bedford Free Public Library which constitutes a portion of the appendix to this report, where allusion is made to the brief biographical notices which had been, at various times, published in the annual reports of the trustees, the hope is expressed "that this interesting and valuable feature of these reports will be retained; and that these 'discourses of the dead' will not be restricted to those who may have been connected with the library. Let a niche be found for all who, like those whose names have already had honorable mention, shall have left behind them a record, the perusal of which shall revive pleasant memories and prompt to noble deeds."

The trustees of the Free Public Library unite with this sentiment. They feel assured that the former reports of the board were rendered more interesting and valuable by these brief notices; and it is one of the features of the reports that will tend not only to preserve but to increase their value.

In accordance with these views, there have been prepared for the purposes of this report, brief notices of several of the prominent men of our city who have died during the year.

Two of these are found upon the records as members of the Board of Trustees, several as benefactors of the library ; and all have left behind them a record in the memories and hearts of our people which they will ever cherish and which they would wish to have transmitted to their posterity.

It is noticeable that three of those whose names are at this time found upon our records were members of the Society of Friends. During no year in the existence of the N. B. Monthly Meeting has so large a proportion of its members been taken away by death.

#### SIMPSON HART.

This exemplary man and valuable citizen was a member of the first Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library, upon which he was associated with James B. Congdon and Abner J. Phipps as members at large, and William J. Rotch, Matthew Howland and Henry H. Crapo members ex-officio.

He was born December 19th, 1804, and died November 5th, 1876.

His ancestors were early settlers upon the territory of old Dartmouth, and were men and women of prominence in the village days of New Bedford. Like all the children of the town in those days, with but few exceptions, his means of education were limited. To an important extent, the absence of schools was supplied by the New Bedford Social Library ; and the boy Simpson Hart, like his father who bore the same name, was a constant and appreciative reader. He had an intellect to study, to retain and digest. Few young minds had the power so faithfully to gather, so permanently to hold, so practically to use the knowledge which was to be found in the books, few but choice, to which access was allowed him.

Through his whole life these mental traits of character were retained : always prominent, always active and always inspiring confidence in the rectitude of his opinions and in his fidelity to duty.

It was this facility, discrimination and power of application, that enabled him to find a school for improvement, and a field for activity in all his life's varied and prolonged experience.

His early path was a rugged one. He was at one time a sailor ; and the experience of his sea-going life constituted a rich fund of knowledge, no part of which was lost, and which gave great interest and value to his conversation when the ocean and ocean life were the themes. A portion of his experience was a residence of three years at Tahiti.

There he was a close and deeply interested observer. To him the people with whom he was dwelling were the objects of a careful study ; and it is believed that no citizen of New Bedford ever attained to a more accurate and discriminating estimate of their social, mental and religious condition.

He was still a young man when he returned to New Bedford and engaged in the pursuits which he followed through life.

It was in 1853 that he was selected as one of the three members at large of the first Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library. He remained upon the board five years. His services in the work of arranging for the opening and in guiding the early movements of the institution were of the greatest value, and highly appreciated by his colleagues. The board of managers were treading in untried paths. The opening of the library was the establishment of a new instrumentality in carrying forward the work of public education. No man among us had a clearer apprehension of the people's needs or of the proper methods for supplying them



than the subject of this brief notice. No member of the Board of Trustees was more constant in his attendance at its meetings; no one more faithful or efficient in the discharge of duty; no one more gratified at the success of this favorite institution of the people.

Mr. Hart was but little in public life. As a member of the Board of Aldermen he was enabled to give to the public the benefit of his sound sense, well stored mind and long business experience.

In private life, in his intercourse with his fellow citizens, in the discharge of those daily duties which constitute the strongest tests of character, and which afford the best opportunity for the rich in mental and moral as well as physical wealth to dispense of their abundance, Simpson Hart was a man whose aim was towards the highest standard, and who in these respects, has left behind him a memory which will be long and widely cherished.

During his long life, until near its close, he was allowed an unusual exemption from physical suffering. He had often expressed the wish that the end would come suddenly and painlessly—his desire was granted.

#### JOSEPH KNOWLES.

As a merchant, a member of the city government and of the Board of Trustees of the New Bedford Free Public Library, our departed fellow citizen, Joseph Knowles, claims a prominent place in our necrology of the year.

As a merchant he was enlightened, enterprising, and the soul of fidelity; as an alderman of the city he was sagacious in council, faithful to every conviction of duty, firm and unmovable when not to be firm was to be false to the convictions of his understanding, kind and courteous to all

who had claims upon his attention; as a trustee of the library, he had clear apprehensions as to the methods to be pursued and an abiding conscientiousness in the discharge of every trust.

Those who have known him as a leading merchant of our city, and those who were his associates in the City Council, and upon the Board of Trustees of the library, all bear testimony to his gentlemanly bearing in his business and official intercourse, and all unite in assigning to him an elevated position among the active and public men of our city.

In his daily walk and conversation he was an example of those virtues which are lovely and of good report. "There was a daily beauty in his life" which won and retained the affection and respect of all with whom he came in contact. There was in his character and conduct those evidences of fidelity to the right and an affectionate interest in the welfare of others which inspired confidence and esteem.

Mr. Knowles belonged to a family, which, although its residence among us is comparatively brief, has won for itself a high position in the business and social life of our city. Others bearing his name are found in our business circles, upon the rolls of our City Council, and upon the list of trustees of our Free Public Library; and like him of whom we speak, and whose loss we deplore, they have all won for themselves an honorable place in the regards of their fellow citizens.

CHARLES R. TUCKER.

The death of Charles R. Tucker cast a gloom over our whole community. It took place on the 21st of December of the present year. His age was 67. He was a native of Dartmouth, where, on the homestead farm, which has been

in the family for *two hundred and sixteen years*, he was born on the 5th day of March, 1809.

After leaving the Friends' School at Providence about the year 1825, he became a teacher; and, for about four years followed that occupation in his native town and in Westport. In the year 1830 he came to this city and entered the counting room of Isaac Howland, Jr., & Co. In 1836 he commenced his business life, and in 1844 he entered into copartnership with Edward D. Mandell, and the distinguished and successful business firm of Charles R. Tucker & Company was established.

Mr. Tucker very early took a high position among the merchants of New Bedford. He was enterprising and successful. For the most part the firm of which he was a member has confined its operations to the pursuit for which New Bedford has for so long a period been celebrated. As the business and managing capacity of the head of the firm was developed, and his fidelity to duty as the ruling principle of his conduct was universally recognized, he had committed to him many important trusts, to all of which he was faithful, and in the discharge of which he won, to an extent reached but by few, the approbation and regard of his associates and the community.

His connection with the Merchants' National Bank continued for a period of over a quarter of a century and until his death. He held the presidency of that institution twenty-three years. His trusteeship of the New Bedford Institution for Savings was of long standing, and he held for many years and until his death a place upon its Board of Investment.

Other important positions of this character were held by him, and in them all there was manifested the sagacity and fidelity which inspired confidence and commanded success.

There was another and more important sphere of activity and usefulness in which our departed fellow-citizen held a place quite as conspicuous, and in which the same reliance was felt and reposed in the soundness of his judgment and his fidelity to the right.

It was as a member of the church of Christ, and as a leading member and official of the Society of Friends, that the light of his character and the influence of his judicious activity were the most widely felt.

There is no position in the society that he did not at some time occupy, and there was, in the discharge of the various duties thus devolving upon him, that sound discretion, that unselfish devotion to the right, and that clear recognition of the paramount value of the spiritual life, that inspired confidence in his counsels, and gave him a large share in the administration of the affairs of the New England Yearly Meeting, and many of its subordinate organizations.

At the time of his death he was clerk of the Yearly Meeting and a member of its Representative Board, the two highest official positions in the society. In his own monthly meeting he was an elder and overseer. His judgment and fidelity in aid of the management of one of its trust funds by which an unproductive bequest was changed into a bountiful source of beneficence to the needy, will long be remembered in connection with the "John West Fund," for the assistance of the "worthy poor."

Although warmly and intelligently attached to the religious principles and denominational peculiarities of the Society of Friends, he had a most comprehensive charity, and felt and expressed a unity in all the measures which appeared to him calculated to exalt the moral tone of society and diffuse the blessings of the Redeemer's kingdom.

For many years he was a member of the School Board,

having in charge the oversight and direction of Friends' Y. M. School, at Providence. The interests of this school, now holding so prominent a position among the educational institutions of the country, and second only to Haverford in the rank it holds among the schools of the denomination, received a large share of his attention. It must be a source of much gratification to the society as well as to those who are or have been connected with its management, to look upon its present high position of respectability and usefulness.

Mr. Tucker was a member of the first Common Council, and upon the resignation of James B. Congdon was chosen its president.

But we are exceeding the brief limits to which we are restricted, and must bring our imperfect sketch to a close.

His loss will be deeply and widely felt; but his memory, rich with the accumulation of a long life of devotedness to truth and fidelity to duty, remains, and his example will, we trust, give to many a stimulus to high aims and virtuous deeds that will perpetuate through all coming time the benefactions of his virtuous and useful life.

#### SAMUEL RODMAN.

Few men have ever lived in New Bedford, so large a portion of whose lives have been given up to those labors whose object is the lessening of evil and the promotion of good as SAMUEL RODMAN.

He was a native of Nantucket, where he was born March 24th, 1792. He died in this city August 1st, 1876. He came at an early age to this place with his father, and nearly the whole of his protracted life was passed among us. He spent about two years at a school in New Garden, Delaware.

He was by birth-right a member of the society of Friends, and remained in membership to the close of his life.

Early in life his principles, his training and the bright and shining example of his parents and *their* parents and many other members of the Rotch and Rodman families of that day, gave an impulse to his thoughts, feelings and efforts in the direction of active benevolence. That feeling for the needy, the suffering and the wanderer never decayed, those efforts never were intermitted, until the fountain of feeling was exhausted by death, and the hands could no longer toil in the cause of humanity.

Familiar with the then main business of the town, he saw with sorrow and regret, that the sailors' place in this profitable activity was one of degradation, privation and neglect.

As his benevolent feelings took this direction, the scheme of an association for their protection and elevation was projected. In the year 1830 was formed the New Bedford Port Society for the Moral Improvement of Seamen, and in 1832 the association became incorporated.

Samuel Rodman was the first president of this venerable institution and held the office for twenty years.

He began this movement under a deep conviction of religious duty—humanity pointed to a class of his fellow men the prey of their own unrestrained indulgence and of still more dangerous enemies, the unprincipled assignees of his hard-won wages; and justice pointed to their poorly requited toil, which was bringing the wealth of the mighty deep to our shores, and made clear to him their claims to guidance, protection and Christian nurture.

The convictions of duty and the promptings of humanity were to him the signal for action. For the period of his presidency he was the directing, managing, and, to a great extent,

the working force of that honorable and efficient agency. Always active, always hopeful, never losing his faith in the sailor nor in the instrumentalities that his faith had brought into activity as a remedy for the sailor's wants, and as aids for his progress in virtue, he gave his time, his means and that large reserve of mental ability and Christian zeal with which he had been endowed, to this noble undertaking.

In seasons of discouragement he never despaired—firmly, resolutely, wisely, he kept straight onward in his work; and before he asked to be released from the toils and responsibilities of his leadership, it was his exceeding great reward to feel the assurance that the society held a place in the heart of this community that would insure its existence and usefulness; and to experience the high and holy joy which came of the conviction that through his efforts and those who had labored with him, thousands had been relieved from suffering, the sailor's position had been elevated and that elevation recognized and allowed; and the higher and holier joy that many hearts had been renewed, and many souls brought to that acquaintance with God whose reward is peace, through the divine blessing upon the work to which his heart and hands had been devoted.

While active in behalf of the sailor, Samuel Rodman was not slow to discover that strong drink was one of the deadliest of his enemies. This led him into a sphere of activity not bounded by the class lines which society had drawn around those whose home is on the deep.

He saw that among all classes, intemperance in the use of intoxicating drinks was ruinous to the estates, the bodies, and the souls of men. His efforts in the cause of temperance then commenced and they ended only with his life.

When, under the town municipal government, the people demanded municipal interposition to arrest the progress of

the evil, the name of Samuel Rodman stood at the head of a long list of prominent citizens, selected by the people in town-meeting assembled to carry forward the work. This movement of the inhabitants was one of great interest and profitable results. It constitutes an interesting chapter in our municipal history.

We should do injustice to the character of our departed fellow-citizen, should we fail to speak of him as a man whose clear moral and intellectual perceptions and active Christian sympathies led him to unite in every effort to relieve the burthen of human suffering, or which promised to promote the progress and elevation of the people.

Few of our community were more ready to give, few gave so cheerfully and liberally; no one embraced within the circle of his generosity a wider field of benevolent activity.

With the Free Public Library, Mr. Rodman is connected by the interest he always manifested in its success and by generous donations of valuable books.

He was active in the management of the Social Library, whose valuable books formed the basis of our present noble collection; and it was Samuel Rodman, and men like him, the wise and active directors of our early library movement, who in fact laid the foundation of the institution which is the pride and ornament of our city.

At his death, Samuel Rodman was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Friends' Academy, a position which he had held for *sixty-three* years. For twenty-six years he was president of the Board.

He was for many years a director of the Bedford Commercial Bank, now the National Bank of Commerce.

Generous and intelligent activity and never wearying liberality have not left the world with him of whom we speak, who was in this community so conspicuous an example of



both; but it will probably be a long time before we shall have the vacant place fully supplied that was once filled by the subject of this brief notice.

EDMUND GARDNER.

Capt. Edmund Gardner was a native of Nantucket, where he was born November 8th, 1784. He died in this city, which had been for many years his home, September 16th, 1875. Although not upon the list of the dead of the year, we give him rightfully a place in this year's remembrances of our departed fellow citizens, whose characters and positions claim from us a notice in our annual publication.

There is much in the life and character of Captain Edmund Gardner to claim and to reward the search for information respecting him, much of incident connected with his sea-faring existence, and these while they served to develop the strong and healthy qualities of his mind and heart tended also to give to them additional force and vitality.

In looking over the memoranda which, in the latter part of his life he prepared of his early struggles, and of the events and adventures of his sea-going experience, two traits of the character of this successful seaman and model man and ship master are made strikingly prominent.

Did our limits allow of it, we could copy from this vivid and minute autobiography many illustrations of the firmness, may we not say the heroism, with which he met danger, disaster and loss, and of that wonderful fertility of resource which so often averted the danger and enabled him to rise superior to the powers of adverse fortune.

The presence of danger and the experience of misfortune, found him always prepared to bring into immediate activity the knowledge which he had gathered, and that creative

energy which was always at his command, to meet for himself and for others, the emergencies of the hour.

The habits of constant observation in the direction of the calling which he had early chosen and which he so successfully pursued, and the facility with which he treasured up the incidents of his experience, gave him at all times the resource of a large accumulation of practical knowledge to apply to the circumstances with which, at any time, he was surrounded.

But nature had endowed him with a large and well-balanced mental capacity, and thus gifted, he could not only accumulate and make available the information which came of experience and observation, but he could create new combinations, and apply new and untried resources, to meet the circumstances of an occasion of unexpected and unavoidable danger or difficulty.

His school was upon the ocean. There where danger was to be encountered, disaster to be met and victory to be won, he learned quickly and thoroughly the lessons by which danger could be avoided, disaster overcome and a rich harvest reward enterprise, perseverance and well directed energy.

The incidents recorded in Captain Gardner's narrative, by which these traits of character are illustrated, are, as we have already remarked, many and striking. But they cannot be given here. A more extended notice, for which the memoranda left by him would afford ample materials, would give an opportunity which it is hoped may be embraced, to give to the public the incidents of his life as well as the exemplary and attractive traits of his character.

But Captain Gardner occupied a higher position in society than that of a successful seaman and an enterprising and well rewarded merchant. As a sailor, an officer and a com-

mander of a ship, he bore about him in the fore-castle and the cabin the ever active and controlling principles of integrity, fidelity and piety. The exercise of these virtues was not dependent upon geographical position or the circumstances of the hour. He always had in his ocean home an altar, upon which there was a daily offering of gratitude and trust; and then, as when in his home upon the land, or at his accustomed seat in the house of worship, he acknowledged his obligations to and his dependence upon that Protecting Power in which he recognized his Father and Redeemer. His justice, fidelity and purity had a foundation too deep, and an activity too real, to have their exercise confined to those places and circumstances in which they are called for to give confidence and respectability.

Thus was his character rounded into a beautiful completeness. Thus was his native sagacity and his large and valuable fund of practical information complemented by the virtues and the graces born of Christian faith and Christian obedience.

It should be borne in mind that this man, whose life affords us so rare an example of business enterprise, combined with an uprightness of character which had its roots deep in the soil of Christian faith, had but the most meagre opportunities for the culture of the school.

The schools of the day were poor at the best, and but small opportunity was allowed the youthful Gardner to profit by them, such as they were. At an early age he was upon the sea; and it was in the ocean school that the training for an upright, intelligent and successful manhood, and a quiet, contented and happy old age were mainly obtained.

Captain Gardner was a Representative from this city in the General Court for the years 1831, 1832 and 1833.

He resided in New Bedford upon his removal hither from Nantucket, in 1824, to the time of his decease.

He was a consistent and valued member of the Society of Friends, and held for many years the office of overseer of the New Bedford Monthly Meeting.

## DONATIONS, 1876.

	Volumes.		Pamphlets.
	Bound.	Unbound.	
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester .....		1	3
American Social Science Association .....			1
American Unitarian Association.....		3	
Astor Library .....			1
Batchelor, B. S. ....	1		
Bell, W. S. ....			1
Blair, H. W. ....			1
Boston Public Library .....		1	4
Bradlee, C. D. ....		11	1
Brazilian Government .....		5	4
Brookline Public Library .....			1
Buckminster, Joseph .....	1	4	
Butler Hospital for the Insane .....			1
Chicago Public Library .....			1
Cobden Club .....			1
Congdon, Charles .....	9	39	34
Congdon, Charles T. ....		1	
Congdon, James B. ....	7		3
Crapo, W. W. ....	4		1
Dennison, T. R. ....			2
Denham, Edward .....	1		5
Dexter, Franklin B. ....			1
Dunbar, George H. ....	1		4
Durfey, Richard T. ....			6
Eliot, Mrs. Thomas D. ....	6		6
Farrington, W. H. ....			32
Fletcher Library, Burlington, Vermont.....	1		
Gerner, H. ....		1	
Green, Samuel A. ....		1	
Harvard College .....			1
Haverhill Public Library .....			1
How, Moses .....	23		
Howland, Abraham H., Jr. ....	1	1	1
Howland, George, Jr. ....		1	1

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Knowlton, Hosea M.....	1		
Lancaster Town Library.....			1
Lawrence Public Library .....			4
Lester, John E.....	1		1
Library Company, Philadelphia .....			1
Lindsey, Edward D.....			1
Memorial Hall Library, Andover.....			1
Mercantile Library Association, Brooklyn .....			1
Mercantile Library, New York.....	1		1
Mercantile Library Association, San Francisco....			1
Mitchell, George H. ....			1
Morgan, Richard H. ....			1
Munsell, Joel .....	5	1	49
New Haven Manufacturing Company .....	1		1
Nye, Gideon, Jr. ....			2
Peabody Institute, Baltimore.....			2
Peabody Institute, Peabody.....			1
Pease, Richard L. ....			6
Perkins Institution for the Blind .....			1
Pierce, Benjamin .....	1		
Pitman, Robert C.....			214
Pond, David W. ....			1
Publishers of Atlantic City Review .....		1	
Quint, Alonzo H.....			1
Roberts, O. A. ....		8	16
Rochester Free Public Library .....			1
Rodgers, C. R. P. ....	1		
Rodman, Edmund .....			1
Rodman, Susan.....	60	6	8
Rodman, Thomas R.....			1
Rogers, T. P. W. ....			1
Rotch, William .....			1
Russell Library, Middletown, Conn.....			1
St. Louis School Library .....			1
Sauborn, F. B. ....			1
Schenck, J. B. & Sons .....			1
Smithsonian Institution .....	3		
Spofford, A. K. ....	1		
Springfield City Library .....			1
Staples, S. E. ....			1

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State of Massachusetts :			
Board of Health.....	1		1
Lunatic Hospital, Northampton.....			1
Lunatic Hospital, Worcester.....			1
Public Documents.....	10		
School for Idiotic and Feeble Minded Youth ..			1
State Library.....			1
Taber, Charles.....			1
Thomson, John H. ....	1		2
Trustees Friends' Academy.....	1		
United States Government :			
Coast Survey.....	1		
Department of Interior.....	36		1
Department of State.....	4		
Engineer Department.....	3		
Treasury Department.....	1		
Patent Office.....		2	
Bureau of Education.....		2	1
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Wayland Library Committee.....			1
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Winchester Home for Aged Women.....			1
Woburn Public Library.....			1
Wood, Henry T. ....			1
Worcester Free Public Library.....			1
Worcester Free Institute.....			1
Wren, W. C. ....			1
Young Men's Association, Buffalo.....			1
Young Men's Christian Association, Worcester...			2

Burt, Samuel P.—Manuscript Records of the Proprietors of the New Bedford [Fairhaven] Academy, 1798-1841.

Index Association.—The Index, 1874-75.

Liberty Hall Association.—Play Bills, Programmes, etc. of the exhibitions in Liberty Hall, New Bedford, from 1865 to 1876.

Gideon Nye, Jr.—Bulletin Mensuel de la Société d'Acclimatation, 1876.

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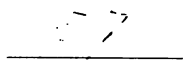
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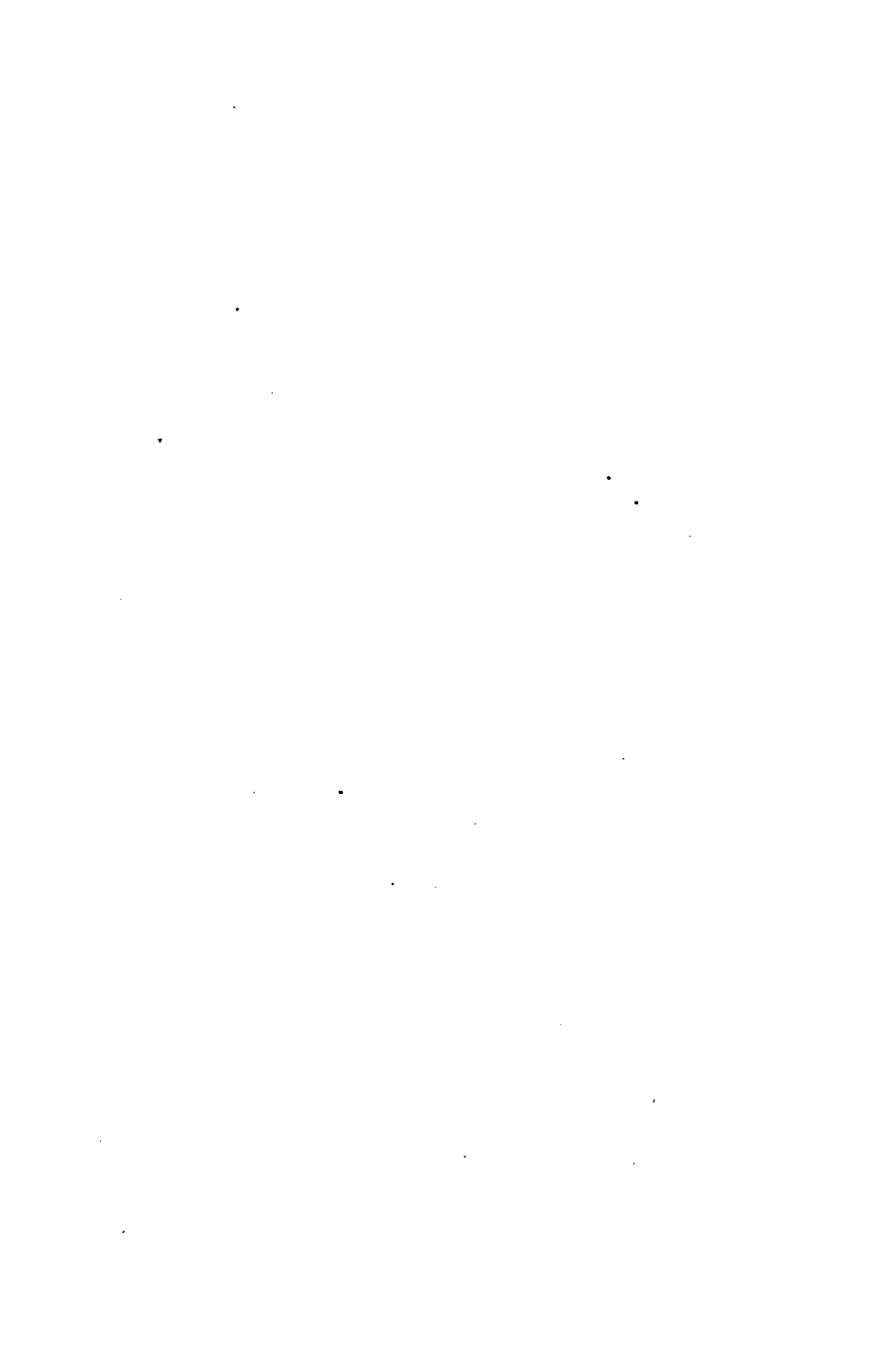
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JOHN HASTINGS, Chairman of the Committee of the City Council  
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*Elected by the City Council.*

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Term expires January, 1879.

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Term expires January, 1879.

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Term expires January, 1880.

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Term expires January, 1880.

GEORGE H. DUNBAR,

Term expires January, 1881.

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*On the Building*—Messrs. Hastings and Rodman.

*On Binding and Blanks*—Messrs. Abraham H. Howland, Jr., and Morgan.

*On the Museum*—Messrs. Morgan, Roberts and Dunbar.

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## SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LIBRARY.

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## ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS.

JOSEPHINE A. MERRICK,

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# REPORT.

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*To the City Council of the City of New Bedford :*

GENTLEMEN,—The Trustees of the Free Public Library respectfully present to you this, the Twenty-sixth Annual Report of that institution.

The history of the Library during the year now about to close, like that of all the years which have preceded it, has been one of progress. Ever since it came into existence, the conviction of its vast importance has steadily grown stronger in the minds of the people, and its effectiveness and influence have correspondingly increased.

Its wants have always been cheerfully recognized, and its requests favorably responded to by the City Council. It has received generous contributions from sources both at home and abroad; and bountiful bequests and donations of money have made its future bright and secure. The people of our beautiful city have done themselves honor in establishing the Free Public Library and providing so liberally for its maintenance. They do themselves still greater honor by the general and wisely directed use they make of it.

For a community can be exalted to no higher pinnacle of honorable repute than to be known as a reading community; such a repute presupposing the exercise of the noblest and most substantial elements of intellect and character. Books are the storhouse of the world's wis-



dom. They contain the records of the mistakes and failures, as well as of the successes of the race. Those who are conversant with them are led steadily to reenforce the activities of their own minds with the significant suggestions derived from the past. Moreover, one cannot be habitually familiar with improving books without being lifted up to a higher plane of thought and feeling, and acquiring those refined and innocent tastes, which tend to render all depraving influences revolting and to be shunned.

The following statistics furnish a perspicuous record of the operations of the Library during the year 1877 :

Whole number of books taken during the year,	60,983
Daily average (11 months, Library closed one month,)	220
Total number of cards issued,	15,872
Increase over last year,	902
Volumes added during the year, exclusive of periodicals,	
By purchase,	1,093
By gift,	149
Total number of books in the Library,	37,060
Number of newspapers on the stand,	14
Added this year,—Providence Journal, Fall River News.	
Number of periodicals on the tables,	104
Added this year,—Times, Weekly Edition, London; The Nineteenth Century; Mind.	

The Trustees appeal with confidence to these statistics as evidence that the affairs of the Library have never been more efficiently administered, or its privileges better appreciated, than during the past year. Yet while they indicate the activity of its operations, they are very far from giving a complete view of the work performed. For instance, the number of those who visit the Library to consult books, but not to take them out, is very large. There is no record kept of this class of citizens, but the Librarian reports that there has been a marked increase in the number of books thus consulted on the premises. It is estimated by him to be fully half of the number delivered.

We regard this method of profiting by the advantages which the Library affords, as one of the most important and hopefully significant of all the uses to which it is devoted. For such a mode of the consultation of books indicates thoughtful study of subjects in the light of reason, and therefore the highest forms of intellectual action. Furthermore, the process begets a habit of having recourse to the treasures of the past, and familiarity with one of the best uses of books is attained.

We are happy to mention the interesting fact that a large part of this class of visitors to the Library consists of pupils from the schools, who are required by their teachers to furnish written exercises in connection with their lessons, demanding a research into facts and a comparison of authorities. The statement is as creditable to the schools as to the Library ; for no better evidence could be had that the instruction given by the teachers who encourage this kind of intellectual inquiry is of the most discriminating and improving quality. These scholars obtain incidental benefit while pursuing their direct investigations ; and it is observable that the range of their inquiries extends very often to other topics than those which they have specially in mind, and thus a profitable stimulus is given to the character of their general reading.

The Librarian makes the following classification of the books taken from the Library :

Theology and Philosophy . . . . .	3 per cent.
Arts and Sciences . . . . .	5 "
History . . . . .	4 "
Biography . . . . .	9 "
Voyages and Travels . . . . .	4 "
Works of Fiction . . . . .	72 "
Miscellaneous . . . . .	3 "
	100

We are aware that these may be deemed superficial sta-

tistics; that we need, in relation to the important social problem which they suggest, something deeper than a simple numerical statement. "It would be especially cheering, if we could be assured that we were every year penetrating with the quickening influence of our books a little lower in our social strata, and at the same time elevating still higher the taste of our readers."

Statistics show that the taste for reading in one community is the same as that of others in similar social conditions. Search where you will, you find about three quarters of the selections of books to be prose fiction and juvenile books.

The question forcibly occurs,—Shall the operations of the Library be so directed as to thwart the predominating tastes of the readers of books? Many, no doubt, will immediately respond in the affirmative; for an impression prevails among a large class in every community that the great majority of works of fiction are of a trashy and sensational character. We dare to pronounce their convictions to be prejudiced and one-sided. There is, doubtless, a large amount of depressing fiction in our circulation; but, at the same time, the novel is more and more coming to be the vehicle for the dissemination of the noblest thoughts of the age, as well as the intelligent discussion of great social problems, in the form most likely to win readers and carry conviction home to the largest number of minds and hearts.

To exclude works of fiction from the Library, therefore, would be to curtail its positive advantages. At the same time, we recognize the necessity of a judicious care in the supply of works of this description, and we have added to our list of novels only those which we believe to be wholesome and useful, and which may stimulate to something better and higher.

The sensational element occupies a very small space in

our circulation, yet even that has its advantages. For, were we to exclude it wholly, we should drive away a class of readers who most need to be brought within reach of the improving influences of the Library. While they find enough of the sensational to encourage their visits, they often fail to obtain the books of which they are in search, and are led to take those of a more improving character. We are happy to record a marked advancement in this connection, the works of fiction now oftenest called for being the best of their class.

In the report of the Trustees two years ago, it was noticed with regret that our circulation fell far behind that of some of our sister cities. Since that time our increase has been about sixteen thousand. It must be remembered that these figures indicate not the demand for books, but the supply we furnish. Had we consented to augment the accession of fiction and add extra copies of very popular books in any department, the extent of our circulation would have been limited only by the supply.

We have added during the year all the issues of current literature for which there seemed likely to be any call, and have purchased as many standard works as we have had opportunity to buy judiciously. We have exercised a larger liberty in the direction of luxury than would be reasonable or just, were the money used raised by taxation. Among the many valuable additions to the Library, may be noticed the following :

Smith and Cheetham—Dictionary of Christian antiquities.

Smith and Wace—Dictionary of Christian biography.

Boot—Genus carex.

Hooker—Icones plantarum; Genera plantarum.

Edwards—A thousand miles up the Nile.

Warren—Underground Jerusalem.

Guillemin—World of comets; Physical forces.

Schaff—Creeds of Christendom.

Crowe and Cavalcaselle—Life of Titian.

Symonds—Renaissance in Italy.

Perkins—Tuscan and Italian sculptors.

Publications of the Hanserd Knollys society.

Knight—American mechanical dictionary.

Boyne—The Yorkshire library.

Guizot—History of France.

Bayle—Dictionnaire historique et critique.

Moreri—Le grand dictionnaire historique.

Prime—Pottery and porcelain.

Narjoux—Journey of an architect.

Wallace—Distribution of animals.

Austin—Jurisprudence.

Marryat—Pottery.

Weigel—Serapeum.

Schlieman—Myceus.

Local history and genealogy. 94 vols.

In the reports of the last three years, the Trustees have urged upon the City Council the great need of the Library for more and better accommodations. A growing library like a growing city is liable continually to find itself cramped for houseroom, and the time has arrived when the whole of our Library Building is required for its own special purposes. A proper system in the classification of books does not admit of their being huddled on the shelves in the order in which they may be purchased, and our additions will soon fill all the shelves there are or can be placed in the room.

When we say a proper system, we mean an available system; one which will enable the Librarian to answer the call for books. Disregard such a system—follow the lead of the thoughtless impression prevailing in many minds, that there is room enough in the Library so long as there are vacant spots in which books can be stowed away—cramp the shelves without regard to classification of subjects and departments, and you proportionally paralyze the operations, and negate the advantages the Library is intended to bestow. A special committee of the Trustees has been appointed to consider and report what plan can be adopted, to remedy the evils now beginning to be severe-

ly felt. They will probably report to the City Council early in the year.

It is incumbent upon us in this connection to advert to the fact that the interest on the Sylvia Ann Howland bequest, accruing from the date when it was received by the City Treasurer, to that when the ordinance respecting its care and custody took effect, has never been paid to its beneficiaries. The proportion due to the Library amounts to more than twenty-five hundred dollars, and the Trustees have felt called upon to petition for its payment. There is no mooted point in the premises. The obligation is a plain one. The City Solicitor, in a written opinion, fully sustains the position assumed by the Trustees. The Board were in hopes that the City Council would recognize the justice of the claim, and authorize the City Treasurer to credit the amount to the Library account. So far as we know, no action has been taken, except the reference of the petition to the Committee on Finance. If the money is legally due the Library, it would seem that the Council has but one duty before it, and that is to pay it. At least, it appears that the question should be definitely settled. As the matter stands at present, the good name of the city is compromised, for the obligation is one of honor, as well as of justice.

It is our grateful duty to record that in January last, the Library received from James B. Congdon, who has been identified with its management and interests from its commencement, a donation of five hundred dollars. This donation was gratefully received and appropriately acknowledged. In accordance with his written request, the City Council (as soon as was practicable) passed an ordinance, placing the fund in the same position as to control and management as is held by the other trust funds in the custody of the city for the same object, to be known as the James B. Congdon Fund. This donation adds yet

another to the long list of benefits conferred on the Free Public Library by this honored citizen, who has bestowed upon it treasures of thought, attention, and care, of far more value than large pecuniary gifts. His name is indissolubly associated with the records of its progress, and will long be held in grateful remembrance.

In the appendix will be found a detailed statement of our expenditures during the past year, and a clear statement of the present condition of the several trust funds, also a list of donations received, with the names of the donors.

Submitted in behalf of the Trustees.

ALANSON BORDEN,  
President of the Board.

# APPENDIX.

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 1877.

### STATEMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

1877.		
Jan 1st.	Cash on hand,	\$142.26
	Receipts from books lost and sales of catalogues and bulletins,	13.66
	Fines,	188.35
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		\$344.27
	Paid for Expressage,	\$17.20
	Stationery,	29.71
	P. O. box, and postage,	24.35
	Rent of room, Cummings building,	42.00
	Cartage,	5.35
	Books,	39.33
	Atlases,	16.00
	Catalogues,	21.00
	Directories,	12.50
	Binding,	5.00
	Incidentals,	14.06
		226.50
1878.		<hr/>
Jan. 1st.	Cash in hands of librarian,	\$117.77



## TRUSTEES' REPORT.

## STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

## FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1877.	
January 1. Cash on hand,	\$363.62
27. One half net receipt from dog licenses,	751.46
March 18. Annual appropriation,	3,400.00
	<u>\$4,515.08</u>
Bills approved January 25,	\$572.21
"    February 24,	74.22
"    March 31,	805.79
"    April 29,	74.50
"    May 29,	59.63
"    June 30,	1,010.49
"    September 29,	756.25
"    October 27,	118.13
"    November 30,	23.90
"    December 28,	732.25
	<u>4,227.37</u>
	\$287.61

## TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS.

1877, Jan 1st. Balances on hand:	
Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	\$10,735.78
George Howland Junior fund,	197.17
Charles W. Morgan fund,	96.74
	<u>\$11,029.69</u>

## SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND.

1877.	
Jan. 1st. Unexpended balance of income,	\$10,735.78
One year's interest,	3,000.00
Feb. 14th. Cash returned to City Treasurer,	11.77
	<u>\$13,747.55</u>

Bills approved (for books, periodicals and binding,) viz.:

January 25th,	\$330.08
February 24th,	479.47
March 31st,	267.61
April 19th,	294.32
May 29th,	359.51
June 30th,	250.90
July 28th,	75.08
September 29th,	293.97

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October 27th,	217.41	
November 30th,	266.39	
December 28th,	190.79	3,025.53
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		\$10,722.02

The detailed statement of expenditure from the income of this fund is as follows :

Scribner, Welford & Armstrong,	\$284.61
D. Van Nostrand,	49.67
Scribner, Armstrong & Co.,	19.43
Charles L. Woodward,	27.22
John Allyn,	121.99
David G. Francis,	17.45
G. P. Putnam's Sons,	455.36
J. W. Bouton,	252.27
S. Hutchinson,	552.78
Little, Brown & Co.,	44.48
J. M. Lawton, Jr.,	537.77
Edwin Dews,	97.85
Collins & Allen,	53.34
Scribner & Co.,	3.20
Massachusetts Historical Society,	4.00
New England Subscription Agency,	146.80
Schoenhof & Moeller,	22.12
Eben P. Raymond,	3.00
Patent Office Reports,	25.00
Benj. R. Tucker,	5.00
Essex Institute,	6.00
Geo. M. Elliot,	43.50
Academy of Natural Sciences,	5.00
Alexander Denham,	6.07
Loring, Short & Harmon,	5.00
E. W. Nash,	16.65
Boston Society of Natural History,	3.00
American Library Journal,	5.00
Peter G. Thompson,	108.50
Maine Historical Society,	6.00
J. S. Greene,	6.30
T. P. Weigel,	40.92
Magazine of American History,	5.00
J. Munsell,	40.25
S. T. Congdon,	5.00
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	\$3,025.53

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## GEORGE HOWLAND JUNIOR FUND.

1877, Jan. 1st.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$197.17
	One year's interest,	96.00
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Balance unexpended Jan. 1st, 1878,		\$293.17

## CHARLES W. MORGAN FUND.

1877, Jan. 1st.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$96.74
	One year's interest,	60.00
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Balance unexpended Jan. 1st, 1878,		\$156.74

## JAMES B. CONGDON FUND.

Accrued interest,		\$6.25
Same,		15.00
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		\$21.25

Total unexpended balances in the control of the Board of Trustees :

1878, Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland Free Public Library fund,	\$10,722 02
	George Howland Junior fund,	293.17
	Charles W. Morgan fund,	156.74
	James B. Congdon fund,	21.25
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		\$11,193.18

ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.,  
Clerk of the Board of Trustees.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, Jan. 1st, 1878.

## NECROLOGY.

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In the last report of the trustees, the author of the Necrology writes :

The hope is expressed that this interesting and valuable feature of these reports will be retained, and that these "discourses of the dead" will not be restricted to those who may have been connected with the library. Let a niche be found for all who, like those whose names have already had honorable mention, shall have left behind them a record, the perusal of which shall revive pleasant memories and prompt to noble deeds.

### BENJAMIN RODMAN.

Born on the island of Nantucket 25th of November, 1794 ; died in New Bedford September 28th, 1876.

He came to this town at a very early age with his parents, Samuel Rodman, Senior, and Elizabeth (Rotch) Rodman, when they removed from Nantucket to make New Bedford their place of residence.

Though so early removed from his native island, he always felt a strong attachment to his birthplace. He was proud of its past career, and the brave men who made this little piece of land celebrated throughout the world by their deeds of daring on every ocean. He was not satisfied if he could not yearly visit the island and there hold converse with old friends, and listen to the stories of the past, so full of historic and romantic interest.

Benjamin Rodman continued to live in New Bedford

during the whole of his long life, with the exception of a year in his earliest manhood spent as a volunteer teacher in the Friends' school at Providence, just then starting. This experience was a lifelong and cherished memory, and one that he looked back upon with great pride and satisfaction. He had a list of the names of his pupils and some particulars regarding them, and directed that after his decease it should be presented to the trustees of the school. They acknowledged its receipt in grateful and respectful terms.

Mr. Rodman was for many years a prominent merchant, full of enterprise, and largely interested in navigation, both in the whaling and merchant service, and extensively engaged in manufactures in Fall River and Wareham. He was a trustee of the Friends' Academy from 1817 until the time of his death, a period of fifty-nine years; also one of the original incorporators of the New Bedford Institution for Savings in 1825, and the only one of the thirty-one left at the time of his death, with the exception of our venerable and highly respected friend and fellow-citizen William H. Allen, now in his ninety-second year. Mr. Rodman was a trustee from the foundation to 1876, and one of the vice-presidents of this sound and prosperous institution.

Although never an officer of the Free Public Library, he took a deep interest in its operations, proud of its success, appreciating its importance, and freely making use of its instrumentalities, for he was a great reader, and in his later life a student in some directions. After his death his daughters sent an invitation to the trustees to visit his library and make such a selection as our librarian might see fit; the result of which was, there was added to this library a large number of valuable and rare books. It should be mentioned that Mr. Rodman had requested that some of these should be presented to the library.

In his early and middle life he took great interest in town affairs. He was chosen as a State senator, and was one of the executive council of Governor Edward Everett.

Mr. Rodman was the father of Colonel William Logan Rodman, who fell at the head of his regiment at Port Hudson in the late rebellion, and whose memory is cherished by all, and whose name is honored by one of the posts of the Grand Army of the Republic in this city.

Much more could be recorded of Mr. Rodman's life, but it cannot be related better than by giving this extract from an obituary notice which appeared in a Boston paper, written by his esteemed friend and pastor the Rev. William J. Potter.

The *Index* has already announced the death of Benjamin Rodman, of New Bedford, and spoken of his interest in the principles it represents. But of a character so marked and faithful as was his, something more may well be said.

Mr. Potter then speaks of Mr. Rodman's deep interest in the Free Religious Association, and his large distribution of the annual reports, and then goes on to say :

The same thing he was accustomed to do with other liberal books and pamphlets that attracted his attention. Many persons are indebted to him for such publications, without, perhaps, in all cases knowing from whom they came. A book that specially pleased him in these latter years was General Hitchcock's *Christ the Spirit*. Reading this book for the first time some three years ago, from a copy loaned him by a friend, and finding that it was out of print in the market, he secured a new edition by agreeing with the publisher to pay a portion of the cost.

He was little of a mystic himself, yet this mystical book attracted him, probably because of its affinity with his Quaker doctrine of the Inner Light, to which he gave a very large and liberal interpretation. For Mr. Rodman was born and bred a Quaker, and, though for many years he had not been identified with the Society of Friends, he was very fond of tracing his theological ancestry to George Fox. Fox was one of his heroes whom he never ceased to admire and never outgrew. In the great division that took place among the Quakers in this country fifty years ago, he and other members of his family warmly

espoused the liberal side, maintaining that this was true Quakerism. But they were outnumbered by the Orthodox in the New Bedford meeting and were disowned. To one of this group of freethinking Quakers,—Mary Rotch, a woman of great strength of intelligence and character,—I heard Ralph Waldo Emerson, a few weeks since, express his own large personal indebtedness for mental stimulus. In his pulpit days Mr. Emerson spent considerable time in New Bedford, preaching in the Unitarian church there, and was often a guest at her house. Previous to this time, most of these liberal Quakers had connected themselves with the Unitarian society, at the advent of Rev. Orville Dewey as its minister, in 1823. Mr. Rodman was one of this number, and ever afterward was counted a member of the latter society,—popularly called Unitarian, but legally entitled “First Congregational”; but none the less did he consider himself a good Quaker, after the order of Fox and Penn. It was one of his common sayings that “the whole world is turning Quaker.” Neither by temperament nor conviction could he be a denominational man. His religious sympathies were too broad, his demand for liberty of thought too thorough for that. To the last he retained his interest in new fields of inquiry. Seldom do we find men keeping so much of their youthful enthusiasm for ideas through maturity and into old age.

Mr. Rodman had a vigorous and athletic nature, physically and mentally. He was as vigorous in expression as he was intense in conviction, and often became impassioned and boisterous in speech. He could dislike with as much fervor as he liked, and was in danger of not doing full justice to an opponent. There was with him no concealing of opinions for the sake of suavity of social intercourse. But this plain and sometimes bitter speaking had its root in the utter sincerity and robustness of his moral nature, which could brook no flattery nor shams. He was no diplomat. Yet he was respected for thorough honesty, for his uprightness and *downrightness* in all his business affairs as in matters of opinion. In his earlier years, becoming embarrassed in business, he went to prison at the instance of an importunate creditor, though plenty of friends offered the financial help requisite to prevent it. But he took the ground that the law, as it then was in Massachusetts, was very unjust, since the rich man, with numerous friends of wealth and social position, could easily escape imprisonment for debt, while the poor man, having no such relief, would be thrown into jail; and so he resolutely refused the proffered aid and took his place in the debtor's cell. While there he wrote a pamphlet entitled “A Voice from the Prison,” on the subject of the law concerning debt, which helped to awaken public sentiment on the matter, and was instrumental in securing better legislation. At one time he was a State senator, and at another a member of the Governor's council.

With all his plainness and bluntness of speech, his sympathies were

quick, and he was genuinely benevolent. There was no stint in his giving for the objects in which he believed. It was a pleasure to go to him to solicit aid for any such object,—or rather to suggest, for solicitation was not necessary. In such cases there were no excuses to hold back his ready hand. To the poor and unfortunate he was a staunch friend. Not many knew how much he was doing to befriend the needy. Only by accident did his family discover many of his generousities. His extensive and pleasant grounds, once quite out of town, had become nearly surrounded by a factory village and the dwellings of the poorer class of people. Yet no gate barred free access to them. Poor worn women came to sit under the shade of his trees and enjoy his flowers and fruits, and children played upon his lawns. He had let it be understood, without any public notice, that children were especially welcome there on Sunday, and I have seen flocks of them there from the neighboring tenement houses on a pleasant Sunday afternoon, behaving with perfect propriety, yet freely enjoying themselves. Once on directing my attention to them he called them his Sunday-school; and sometimes he would go out and talk with them. The following anecdote of his benevolence has recently come to my knowledge. An Orthodox gentleman was inquiring of one who knew him better, what were Mr. Rodman's religious views, and looked grieved and sober on hearing the answer, as if for one holding such views there could be little hope in respect to the future world. An old Scotch weaver, who was standing by and heard the conversation, thereupon broke in: "I don't know where Mr. Rodman went to church, nor what he believed; but I know that between 1861 and 1865 there were a half dozen good milch cows in his barn, and that the great bulk of their milk was distributed among the poor; and I would rather have that as a passport to heaven than all the creeds."

For several years our friend has led a retired and quiet life, enjoying his rural home and his favorite books, and the correspondence still kept up with old friends; and thus with cheerful serenity he has awaited the great change, which now, after nearly eighty-two years of brave living, has quietly and beautifully come to him.



## Donations for the year 1877.

DONORS.	Volumes.		Pamphlets.
	Bound.	Unbound.	
Allen, Zachariah, . . . . .	1		
American Antiquarian Society, . . . . .		3	
American Congregational Association, . . . . .			1
American Peace Society, . . . . .		1	
American Philosophical Society, . . . . .		2	
Apprentices' Library, New York City, . . . . .	1		37
Board of Education, Cincinnati, . . . . .	1		
Boardman, Samuel L., . . . . .	19		
Boston Public Library, . . . . .			7
Bradlee, C. D., . . . . .			8
Brookline Public Library, . . . . .			1
Buckminster, J., . . . . .	1	4	4
Burt, Samuel P., . . . . .			1
Butler Hospital for the Insane, . . . . .			1
Cameron, Roy M., . . . . .			1
Chicago Public Library, . . . . .			1
Cincinnati Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, . . . . .			1
City of Newton, . . . . .	1		
Clifford, Charles W., . . . . .			2
Cobden Club, . . . . .			2
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, . . . . .	16		
Congdon, James B., . . . . .	2	1	23
Crapo, W. W., . . . . .	12	2	1
Denham, Edward, . . . . .			2
Dennison, T. R., . . . . .			2
De Peyster, J. Watts, . . . . .	1		6
Dexter, Franklin B., . . . . .			3
Dunbar, George H., . . . . .	3		4
Durfee, William F., . . . . .			1
Durfey, Richard T., . . . . .			2
Earnshaw, William, . . . . .	1		
Farrington, W. H., . . . . .	1	1	26
Fessenden, C. B. H., . . . . .			1
Fletcher Free Library, . . . . .	1		1

DONORS.	Volumes.		Pamphlets.
	Bound.	Unbound.	
Free Religious Association, . . . . .			1
Greene, Samuel A., . . . . .	1		7
Hale, Edward Everett, . . . . .			1
Harrison, George L., . . . . .	1		
Hartford Young Men's Institute, . . . . .			3
Harvard College, . . . . .			2
Holcombe, William F., . . . . .			1
Hough, George T., . . . . .			23
Howland, George, Jr., . . . . .			1
Index Association, . . . . .	1		
International Exhibition Company, . . . . .			1
Kempton, Horatio A., . . . . .		14	53
Lancaster Public Library, . . . . .			2
Lawrence Public Library, . . . . .			5
Lee, L. A., . . . . .			1
Library Company, Philadelphia, . . . . .			2
Lowell City Library, . . . . .			2
"Manfred," <i>pseud.</i> , . . . . .	1		
Massachusetts State Library, . . . . .			1
Memorial Hall Library, Andover, . . . . .	1		3
Mercantile Library, San Francisco, . . . . .			1
Mercantile Library Association, New York, . . . . .			1
Mercantile Library Company, Philadelphia, . . . . .			1
Mercury Publishing Company, . . . . .			1
Mitchell, George H., . . . . .			1
Morgan, S. Griffiths, . . . . .	8		1
Munsell, Joel, . . . . .			27
Newton Free Library, . . . . .			1
North, Mrs. Ada, . . . . .	1		
Peabody Institute, Baltimore, . . . . .			1
Peabody Institute, Peabody, . . . . .			1
People's Library, Newport, . . . . .	1		
Perkins Institution for the Blind, . . . . .			3
Providence Athenæum, . . . . .			1
Quint, A. H., . . . . .			1
Rawson, S. F., . . . . .			1
Reading Library, . . . . .			2
Roberts, O. A., . . . . .			5
Rochman, Edmund, . . . . .			1
Rochman, Susan, . . . . .		3	
Rochman, Thomas R., . . . . .	3	1	
Rogers, F. P. W., . . . . .	1		1
Rotch, William, . . . . .			4

DONORS.	Volumes.		Pamphlets.
	Bound.	Unbound.	
Russell Library, . . . . .			2
Rutter, Josiah, . . . . .			1
Silas Bronson Library, . . . . .			1
Smith, Samuel, . . . . .		1	
Smithsonian Institution, . . . . .	1		
Sotheran, H. & Co., London, . . . . .	1		
Springfield City Library Association, . . . . .			1
Staples, Samuel E., . . . . .			1
State Library, Iowa, . . . . .	1		
State Lunatic Hospital, Northampton, . . . . .			1
Stephenson, Thomas, . . . . .			3
Taber, Charles & Co., . . . . .			1
Taber, R. B., . . . . .			1
Taunton Public Library, . . . . .			2
Thomson, John H., . . . . .		2	9
Tucker, W. W., . . . . .	1		
Turner Free Library, Randolph, . . . . .	1		
United States Government :			
Bureau of Education, . . . . .	1		
Coast Survey, . . . . .	1		
Department of State, . . . . .	1		
Department of the Interior, . . . . .	54		
Engineer Department, . . . . .	5		
Patent Office, . . . . .		3	
Treasury Department, . . . . .	2		
War Department, . . . . .	1		
Ward, Elijah, . . . . .	1		
Watertown Public Library, . . . . .			1
Webb, Hiram, . . . . .	1		
Whitcher, W. F., . . . . .			2
Wiley, Henry, . . . . .		1	6
Winchester, C. T., . . . . .			1
Winchester Home for Aged Women, . . . . .			1
Woburn Public Library, . . . . .			1
Wood, Henry T., . . . . .	1		
Woodbridge, W. E., . . . . .	1		
Worcester Free Library, . . . . .			1
Worcester Society of Antiquity, . . . . .			1
Young Men's Association, Buffalo, . . . . .			1

Forbes, Mrs. John M. Water color painting of the Handplant of Mexico (Cheirostemon platanoides,) by Mrs. T. E. M. White.

Leslie, Edmund N. Plan of a cemetery, drawn by Capt. David Leslie.

Nye, Gidcon, Jr. Bulletin Mensuel de la Société d'Acclimatation, 1877.

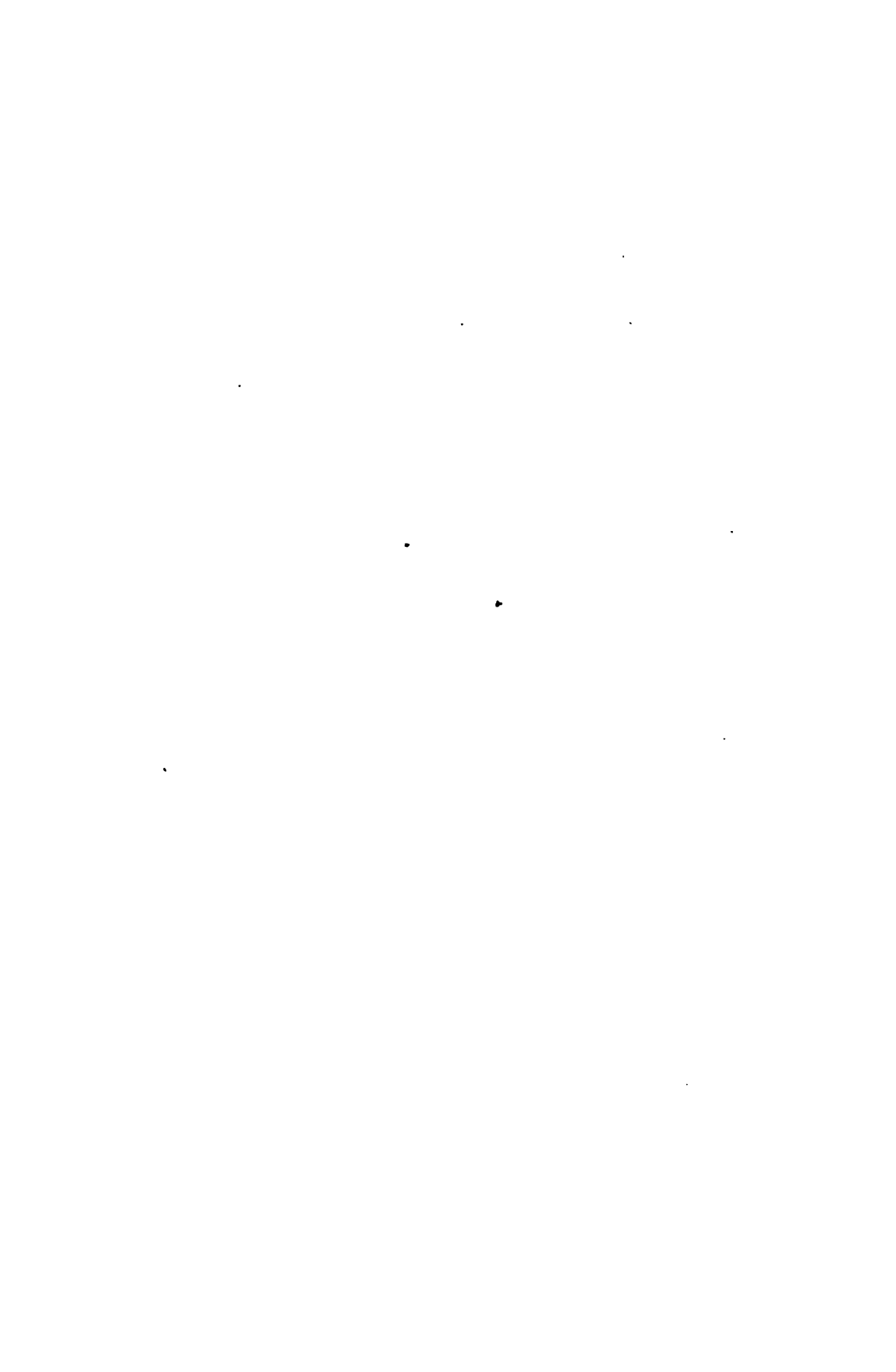
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TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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January, 1879.



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1879.



# Officers of the Free Public Library

FOR THE YEAR 1879.

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## TRUSTEES.

*Ex-officio. Term expires January, 1880.*

**WILLIAM T. SOULE**, Mayor of the City.

**ROBERT W. TABER**, President of the Common Council.

**EBEN C. MILLIKEN**, Chairman of the Committee of the City Council  
on Public Instruction.

*Elected by the City Council.*

<b>ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.</b> ,	Term expires January, 1880.
<b>S. GRIFFITTS MORGAN</b> ,	Term expires January, 1880.
<b>GEORGE H. DUNBAR</b> ,	Term expires January, 1881.
<b>GEORGE HOWLAND, JR.</b> ,	Term expires January, 1881.
<b>EDWIN DEWS</b> ,	Term expires January, 1882.
<b>CHARLES H. PIERCE</b> ,	Term expires January, 1882.

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## PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD.

**THE MAYOR.**

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**CLERK.**

**GEORGE H. DUNBAR.**

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## COMMITTEES.

*On the Library*—The Mayor, Geo. Howland, Jr., Morgan and Pierce.

*On the Building*—Messrs. Milliken and Taber.

*On Binding and Blanks*—Messrs. Abraham H. Howland, Jr., and Dunbar.

*On the Museum*—Messrs. Morgan, Dews and Pierce.

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## SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LIBRARY.

**GEORGE H. DUNBAR.**

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**LIBRARIAN.**

**ROBERT C. INGRAHAM.**

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**ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS.**

**JOSEPHINE A. MERRICK,**

**MARY E. BROWN.**





# REPORT.

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*To the City Council of the City of New Bedford :*

GENTLEMEN,—The Trustees of the Free Public Library respectfully submit their Twenty-seventh Annual Report :—

That the library has not only lost none of its hold upon the public mind, but is growing in popular favor, is making a deeper, stronger and a more lasting impression upon our people, is clearly indicated by the following statistics of its operations for the year 1878 :

Whole number of books taken during the year,	72,894
Daily average of volumes delivered.	237
Total number of cards issued,	16,649
Increase over last year,	777
Volumes added during the year, exclusive of periodicals.	
By purchase,	1,237
By gifts,	186 vols., 355 pamphlets.
Total number of books in the library,	38,000
Number of newspapers on the stand,	14
Number of periodicals on the tables,	104

We have not the data on which to base an exact classification of the books taken from the library during the year, but the librarian makes the following estimate :

Theology and Philosophy,.....	2	per cent.
Law, Politics, etc.,.....	2	“
Science and Useful Arts,.....	3	“
History, .....	2.5	“
Biography,.....	5.5	“
Voyages and Travels,.....	4	“
Prose Fiction, .....	73	“
Poetry, Drama and Literary Miscellanies.....	7.5	“
Fine Arts,.....	0.5	“

We repeat in substance, and with increasing earnestness, what has been said in the last four annual reports of the Trustees, in regard to the absolute necessity for more room and better accommodations for the library. The library building is not, as some may suppose, simply a store house, with a given number of cubic feet of shelf-room and capable of accommodating an equal number of cubic feet of books. The library in order to be useful, to accomplish all the good of which it is capable, must have the books it contains carefully arranged and properly classified.

System is as essential in the management of a library as it is in any department of the city government, or in any institution, business or employment, individual or corporate.

Each class of books should have not only room enough upon the shelves for present accommodation, but also for future increase.

A wise city government forecasts the future and prepares for it. It should do so in regard to the library.

The time has arrived, in our opinion, when the library, for present and future use requires the whole of the library building, and we respectfully but earnestly ask, that the offices located upon the first floor of the library building be removed at as early a date as is convenient, and the whole building be devoted to the library.

What shall be done with the offices? We would respectfully suggest, that without a large expense, a building for their accommodation could be erected on the vacant lot owned by the city east of the library building. We shall be pleased to have you give this subject early attention, and we are satisfied that a close and thorough investigation will confirm the views and opinions we have expressed.

You will permit us to again call your attention to the fact that the City Treasurer has not yet credited the library account with "the interest upon its proportion of the Sylvia

Ann Howland fund from the date it was received by the City Treasurer to the date of the city ordinance regulating the bequest."

The interest amounts to about twenty-five hundred and fifty dollars. The Trustees believe this interest, by every principle of law, equity and justice belongs to the library and should at once be credited to its account.

The City Solicitor in a written opinion dated Dec. 19, 1876, confirms the views, in this regard, held by the Trustees.

If this debt or interest had been due to a bank, or an individual, it would have been promptly paid. Why should it not have been as promptly paid when due to the library funds? The obligation is the same. We can assign no reason for the delay but inadvertancy.

The late Oliver Crocker, keenly alive to the wants and necessities of the people, watchful of their interest and ever ready to aid and assist them by any method or manner tending to promote their comfort and happiness, and highly appreciating the influence for good, which intellectual culture exerts upon the habits and character of the people, with wise generosity gave the sum of one thousand dollars to the Free Public Library. With great pleasure the Trustees received this thoughtful and liberal bequest, and with grateful hearts have acknowledged its receipt.

In the appendix will be found a detailed statement of our receipts and expenditures during the past year, a full statement of the present condition of the several trust funds, and a list of donations received, with the names of the donors.

In behalf of the Board of Trustees,

GEORGE B. RICHMOND,

President.

# APPENDIX.

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 1878.

### STATEMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

1878.			
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	Receipts from books lost and sales of catalogues and bulletins,		6.80
	Fines,		242.76
			<hr/>
			\$367.33
	Paid for Books,	\$92.25	
	Expressage,	30.43	
	Stationery,	29.80	
	Incidentals,	26.14	
	P. O. box and postage,	23.15	
	Catalogues,	6.50	
	Binding,	5.00	
	Directory,	2.00	
1879.			
Jan. 1st.	Balance in hands of librarian,	152.06	\$367.33

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FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1878.			
January 1.	Cash on hand,		\$287.71
	24. One half net receipts from dog licenses,		702.21
April 13.	Annual appropriation,		3,000.00
			<u>\$4,049.92</u>
Bills approved	January 26,	\$127.03	
"	February 23,	35.63	
"	April 1,	862.17	
"	June 29,	777.98	
"	July 30,	8.87	
"	October 1,	819.82	
"	December 28,	770.98	3,402.48
			<u>3,402.48</u>
	Balance unexpended January 1,		\$647.44

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS.

Jan 1, 1878.	Balances on hand:		
	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,		\$10,722.02
	George Howland, Jr., "		293.17
	Charles W. Morgan, "		156.74
	James B. Congdon, "		21.25
			<u>\$11,193.18</u>

SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND.

1878.			
Jan. 1st.	Unexpended balance of income,		\$10,722.02
July 1st.	Six months' interest,		1,500.00
Dec. 31st.	" "		1,500.00
			<u>\$13,722.02</u>

Bills approved (for periodicals, books and binding) viz:

January,	\$79.81	
February 23d,	504.12	
April 1st,	296.24	
April 27th,	274.31	
May 25th,	133.13	
June 29th,	201.39	
July 30th,	107.43	
October 1st,	478.72	
October 26th,	164.31	
November 30th,	92.01	
December 28th,	382.98	2,714.45
		<u>2,714.45</u>
		\$11,007.57

The detailed statement of expenditure from the income of this fund is as follows :

Sylvander Hutchinson,	\$415.96
James M. Lawton, Jr.,	408.72
John Allyn,	333.86
New England Subscription Agency,	187.66
Scribner, Welford & Armstrong,	170.07
Periodicals,	165.99
American Academy of Arts and Sciences.	140.00
David G. Francis,	138.83
Edwin Dews,	127.73
Charles L. Woodward,	89.38
United States Patent Office,	50.00
Little, Brown & Co.,	46.90
Robert Clark & Co.,	45.30
J. W. Bouton,	36.00
National Subscription Agency,	29.25
Collins & Allen,	28.93
Houghton, Osgood & Co.,	28.00
G. P. Putnam's Sons,	27.53
Noyes, Snow & Co.,	26.00
Scribner & Welford	22.25
G. E. Littlefield,	17.75
Universalist Publishing House,	16.63
E. Steiger.	14.88
A. L. Luyster,	14.00
J. B. Lippincott & Co.,	10.63
George W. Littlefield,	9.50
Massachusetts Historical Society,	9.00
William B. Hammond,	9.00
Carl Schoenhof,	8.60
Mercury Publishing Company,	6.00
Cambridge Entomological Club,	6.00
Edmund Anthony & Sons,	6.00
Charles Scribner's Sons,	5.40
William Howe,	5.36
American Journal of Mathematics,	5.00
Herbarium of Harvard University,	5.00
F. B. Perkins,	5.00
F. Leypoldt,	5.00
Academy of Natural Sciences,	5.00
D. Appleton & Co.,	5.00
Town of Sutton,	4.00
Boston Society of Natural History,	3.50

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F. S. Drake & Co.,	3.50
Almy, Milne & Co.,	3.00
E. P. Raymond,	3.00
William Cushing,	2.59
S. E. Cassino,	2.50
Schoenhof & Moeller,	2.00
Oliver Ditson & Co.,	2.00
George Dimmock,	1.25
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	\$2,714.45

GEORGE HOWLAND JUNIOR FUND.

1878.		
Jan. 1st.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$293.17
	One year's interest,	96.00
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		\$389.17

CHARLES W. MORGAN FUND.

1878.		
Jan. 1st.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$156.74
	One year's interest,	0.00
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		\$216.74

JAMES B. CONGDON FUND.

1878.		
Jan. 1st.	Unexpended balance of income,	21.25
	Interest omitted in 1877 account,	6.17
	One year's interest,	30.00
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		\$57.42

OLIVER CROCKER FUND.

1879.		
Jan. 1st.	Interest to date,	4.50

Total unexpended balances in the control of the Board of Trustees:

1879.		
Jan. 1st.	Sylvia Ann Howland Free Public Library fund,	\$11,007.57
	George Howland Junior fund,	389.17
	Charles W. Morgan            “	216.74
	James B. Congdon           “	57.42
	Oliver Crocker               “	4.50
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		\$11,675.40

ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.,

Clerk of the Board of Trustees.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, Jan. 1, 1879.



## GIFTS, 1878.

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	Volumes.	Pamphlets
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester,.....		2
American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia,.....	2	2
American Unitarian Association,.....	3	1
Apprentices Library, New York,.....		2
Bell, W. S.,.....		1
Bodley, Rachel L., Philadelphia,.....		2
Boston, City of,.....	1	
Boston Public Library,.....		6
Bradlee, Rev. C. D., Boston, 33 broadsides,.....		6
Briggs, Samuel,.....	1	
Brookline Public Library,.....		1
Brownell, T. Frank,.....		1
Buckminster, Joseph,.....	2	6
Butler Hospital for the insane,.....		1
Chicago Public Library,.....		1
Childs, Geo. W., Philadelphia,.....		2
Congdon, James B.,.....		3
Conner, William,.....	1	
Crapo, William W.,.....	15	
Crunden, Frederick M.,.....		1
Dayton, Ohio, Public Library,.....		1
De Costa, Rev. Benj. F., New York City,.....		1
Denham, Edward,.....		2
Dennison, T. R.,.....		2
Dews, Edwin,.....		44
Dexter, Franklin B.,.....		2
Dimmoek, G.,.....		1
Dunbar, George H.,.....		120
Durfey, Richard T.,.....		2
Emery, Edw'n,.....		2
Fall River, Committee on the Centennial History of,.....	1	
Fall River Public Library,.....		1

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Farrington, William H., .....	1	20
Financial Reform Association, .....		1
Fletcher Free Public Library, Burlington, Vt., .....		1
Flint, Charles L., .....	4	
Friends' Free Reading Room, Germantown, .....		1
Garfield, J. A., .....		1
Hammond, Rev. William B., .....		2
Hartford Library Association, .....		1
Harvard University, Cambridge, .....		1
Haverhill Public Library, .....	1	
Howland, George, Jr., .....		1
Hutchinson, S., .....		26
Jay, William, .....	1	
Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, .....		1
Keene, Ebenezer S., 14 newspapers.		
King, F. T., .....		1
Knowlton, Hosea M., .....	7	1
Lancaster Library Committee, .....		1
Lawrence Public Library, .....		5
Lawton, James M., Jr., .....	1	
Lee, L. A., .....		1
Leslie, E. N., 2 MS. letters.		
Library Company, Philadelphia, .....		2
Lowell City Library, .....		1
Lynn Public Library, .....		1
Marble, Manton, .....		1
Massachusetts Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, .....		1
Massachusetts, State of, .....	6	
Matthes, Dr. G. Felix, .....	3	
Memorial Hall Library, Andover, .....		1
Mercantile Library Association, New York City, .....		2
Mercantile Library Association, San Francisco, .....		2
Mercantile Library Company, Philadelphia, .....		2
Moulton, L. F., .....	1	
New Bedford, City of, .....	1	
Newton Free Library, .....		1
Nicholson, W. T., Providence, .....	1	
Peabody Institute, Baltimore, .....		1
Providence Athenæum, .....		1
Putnam's Sons, G. P., .....	1	
Queen, James W. & Co., .....		2
Quint, Rev. Alonzo H., .....		1
Reed, B. F. H., .....	2	21

Rice, Roswell, Cambridge, N. Y., 6 broadsides.		
Ricketson, Daniel,.....		1
Ricketson, John H.,.....		1
Roberts, Rev. O. A.,.....		11
Rodman, Edmund,.....	12	
Rotch, William,.....		2
St. Louis School Board,.....		2
Spare, John.....		1
Springfield City Library,.....		1
Staples, S. E.,.....		1
State Lunatic Hospital, Northampton, Mass.,.....		1
Taber, Charles & Co.,.....		1
Taber, Francis,.....	5	
Taunton Public Library,.....	1	2
Thomson, John H.,.....	6	5
Thomson, Peter G.,.....		1
Totten, Mrs. Elizabeth, Military Maps.		
United States Bureau of Education,.....	1	5
Bureau of Engineers, Military Maps.		
Military Maps,		
Geological Atlas,.....	5	
Department of the Interior,.....	53	
Department of State,.....	1	1
Department of the Treasury,.....	2	
Department of War, Military Maps.		
Patent Office,.....	4	
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia,.....		1
Watertown Public Library,.....		1
Whitney, D. R.,.....	1	
Willey, Henry,.....		2
Wilmington Institute,.....		1
Winchester Home for Aged Women,.....		1
Woburn, Town of,.....		1
Woodward, Charles L.,.....	1	17
Worcester Free Public Library,.....		1
Wright, R. J., Philadelphia,.....		1
Young Men's Association, Buffalo,.....		1



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## TRUSTEES.

*Ex officio. Terms expire January, 1881.*

**WILLIAM T. SOULE**, Mayor of the City.  
**ROBERT W. TABER**, President of the Common Council.  
**THOMAS W. COOK**, Chairman of the Committee of the City Council  
on Public Instruction.

*Elected by the City Council.*

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<b>GEORGE HOWLAND, JR.</b> ,	Term expires January, 1881.
<b>EDWIN DEWS</b> ,	Term expires January, 1882.
<b>CHARLES H. PEIRCE</b> ,	Term expires January, 1882.
<b>ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.</b> ,	Term expires January, 1883.
<b>CHARLES H. GIFFORD</b> ,	Term expires January, 1883.

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**THE MAYOR.**

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**GEORGE H. DUNBAR.**

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*On the Building*—Messrs. Cook and Taber.  
*On Binding and Blanks*—Messrs. Cook and Taber.  
*On the Museum*—Messrs. Gifford, Dews and Peirce.

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## SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LIBRARY.

**GEORGE H. DUNBAR.**

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## LIBRARIAN.

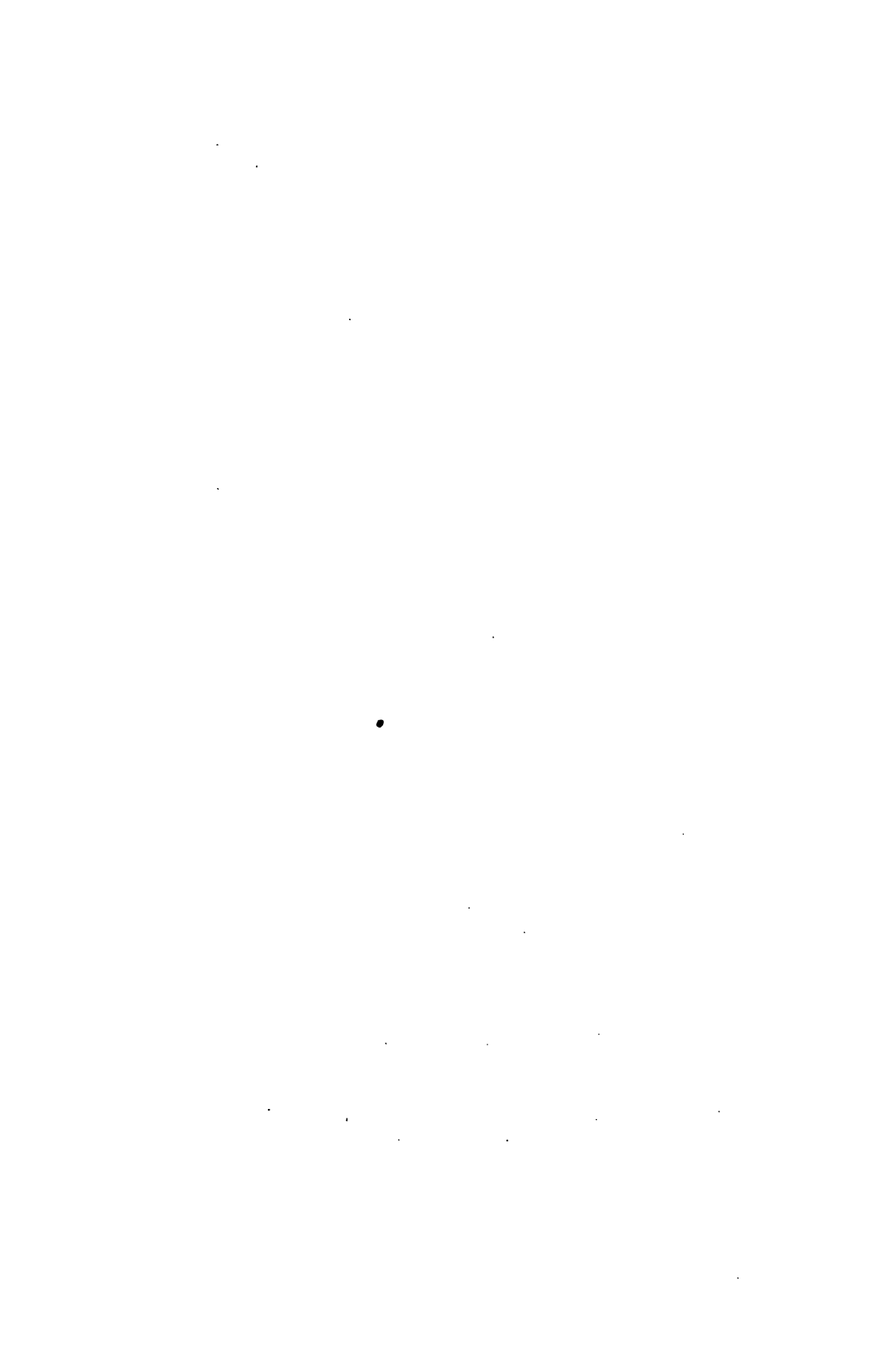
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## ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS.

**JOSEPHINE A. MERRICK**,                      **MARY E. BROWN**,  
**SUSIE H. GAMMONS.**





# REPORT.

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*To the City Council of the City of New Bedford:*

GENTLEMEN,—In presenting you this the twenty-eighth annual report of the institution under our charge, we can but reiterate the statements of previous reports, that the library continues to carry forward successfully the work for which it was established.

## STATISTICS.

Whole number of books taken from the library during the year, seventy-five thousand two hundred and seventy-eight.

Daily average of volumes delivered, two hundred and forty-five. ●

Total number of cards issued up to the present time, seventeen thousand four hundred and fifty-three, an increase over last year of eight hundred and four.

There have been added to the library during the year, by purchase, thirteen hundred and twenty volumes; by donation, ninety-three, and fourteen hundred and thirty-four pamphlets.

Total number of volumes in the library, about thirty-nine thousand four hundred.

There are eighteen newspapers received, and one hundred and ten reviews and magazines.

Of the books taken, the percentage of fiction shows a slight decrease, with a corresponding increase in other departments.

During the past year the demand for solid reading has been greater than ever before, and the use of reference books in the library has largely increased.

#### CHANGE OF HOURS.

By employing a third assistant, we have been able to keep the library open from nine A. M. to nine P. M. Prior to the change the doors were closed two hours at noon, and also from six to seven o'clock in the afternoon. This has been a great accommodation to the public, but more especially to the readers of the periodicals and to those of our citizens who reside beyond the more compact parts of the city.

#### BOOKS ADDED.

The accessions, apart from some volumes on art, local history and genealogy, many of these requiring the services of the binder, have been published from time to time in the newspapers. Among them may be noticed the following: Brugsch-Bey's Egypt under the Pharaohs; Butcher's Ecclesiastical calendar; Clifford's Lectures and Essays; Gallatin's Writings; Gegenbauer's Comparative anatomy; Roscher's Political economy; Guizot's France, English edition; with Martin's continuation, published by Estes & Lauriat; Guizot's England; Hackel's Evolution of man; Herr's Primeval Switzerland; Kemp's Yacht designing; Lorenz's Catalogue général de la librairie française, 1840-75; McClintock and Strong's Cyclopædia of Biblical Literature; Molière's Works, translated by Van Laun, and the same translated by Wall; Rambaud's Russia; Gentleman's Magazine, 1731-1874.

#### GIFTS.

A full list of books presented is given in the Appendix. From Mr. Charles Congdon, of Staten Island, New York,

whose name has frequently appeared in our reports as a donor of valuable books, we have received a number of privately printed books, local histories, etc., including a set of the publications of the Bradford Club.

Mr. Wm. H. Farrington has supplied us regularly with the Transactions of the American society of civil engineers, and has given us many valuable pamphlets.

To Messrs. E. and B. Anthony we are indebted for a large collection of pamphlets, many of them of local interest; and to Mr. Andrew M. Howland for books, pamphlets and periodicals.

Mr. Gideon Nye, of Canton, China, has sent us, since 1872, the Bulletin mensuel de la société d'acclimatation.

From Mrs. Pickering we have received The Chronological History of Plants, the work of her late husband, Charles Pickering, M. D.

From Mr. E. N. Leslie, of Skaneateles, N. Y., we have a MS. copy of Watts's Hymns, a notice of which will be found in the Appendix.

#### JANITOR.

The need of a special janitor for the library building is so manifestly apparent that the Trustees feel constrained to present the case for the consideration of the City Council. They respectfully ask that measures be taken to procure the services of a responsible person to fill this important position, one on whom the care of much valuable property will devolve.

The Committee on Public Property, on whom the duty of selection will properly fall, will, we think, be fully satisfied of the need of such an officer, if they will give the subject the careful investigation its importance demands.

Submitted in behalf of the Trustees.

WILLIAM T. SOULE,

President of the Board.

# APPENDIX.

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 1879.

### STATEMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

1879.		
Jan. 1st.	Cash on hand,	\$152.06
	Receipts from books lost and sales of catalogues, bulletins and paper stock,	28.03
	Fines,	211.04
		\$391.13
	Paid for Books,	\$53.99
	Expressage, freight, jobbing,	31.11
	Stationery,	23.89
	P. O. box and postage,	19.50
	Binding and paper cutting,	14.59
	Incidentals,	31.01

1880.		
Jan. 1st.	Balance in hands of Librarian,	217.04
		\$391.13

### FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1879.		
Jan. 1st.	Cash on hand,	\$647.44
24.	One half net receipts from dog licenses,	759.72
April.	Annual appropriation,	3,400.00
		\$4,807.16
	Bills approved January 31,	\$19.62
	March 31,	904.16
	May 3,	37.55
	June 30,	844.50
	July 31,	56.65
	September 30,	850.45
	October 31,	275.32
	December 1,	103.16
	December 31,	464.24
		3,555.65
	Balance unexpended January 1st, 1880,	\$1,251.51

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TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS.

1879, Jan. 1st. Balances on hand:

Sylvia Ann Howland Fund,	\$11,007.57
George Howland Jr. Fund,	389.17
Charles W. Morgan Fund,	216.74
James B. Congdon Fund,	57.42
Oliver Crocker Fund,	4.50
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	\$11,675.40

SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND.

1879.

Jan. 1st. Unexpended balance of income,	\$11,007.57
July 1st. Six months' interest,	1,500.00
Dec. 31st. Six months' interest,	1,500.00
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	\$14,007.57

Bills approved, (for books, periodicals and binding,) viz.:

January 31,	\$174.24
February 28,	146.40
March 31,	178.64
May 3,	102.67
May 31,	243.56
June 30,	334.97
July 31,	203.50
September 5,	158.34
September 30,	304.47
October 31,	177.34
December 1,	242.76
December 31,	277.67
	2,544.56
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	\$11,463.01

The detailed statement of expenditure from the income of this fund is as follows:

Q. F. Collins,	\$41.11
Mercury Publishing Co.,	10.00
G. P. Putnam's Sons,	30.76
Scribner & Welford,	229.81
American Catalogue,	5.00
James M. Lawton, Jr.,	421.64
William A. Emerson,	2.50
S. Hutchinson,	432.80
New England Subscription Agency,	126.92

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Library Journal,	5.00
Carl Schoenhof,	53.02
Houghton, Osgood & Co.,	24.50
Eben P. Raymond,	3.00
Edwin Dews,	161.65
J. Munsell,	27.89
J. S. Greene,	6.07
David G. Francis,	82 10
Massachusetts Historical Society,	9.00
Oliver Ditson & Co.,	1.08
Henry C. McCook,	4.00
F. Leypoldt,	3.00
Little, Brown & Co.,	56.70
Essex Institute,	5.50
E. Anthony & Sons,	6.00
J. W. Bouton,	25.40
Boston Society of Natural History,	3.00
A. Welles,	5.00
John Allyn,	314.52
Estes & Lauriat,	33.00
American Journal of Mathematics,	5.07
A. C. Armstrong & Son,	10.00
Charles L. Woodward,	3.60
Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia,	5.00
G. W. Cullum,	17.00
U. S. Patent Office,	25.00
George E. Littlefield,	11.50
Harvard College Library,	4.00
Daniel Roberts,	10.00
Charles Scribner's Sons,	48.34
C. F. Alden,	6.00
James H. Hathaway,	82.11
Noyes, Snow & Co.,	26.00
A. H. Roffe & Co.,	148.79
Free Public Library,	12.25
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	\$2,544.56

## GEORGE HOWLAND JR. FUND.

1879.

Jan. 1st. Unexpended balance of income,	\$389.17
One year's interest,	96.00
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	\$485.17
John Allyn's bill,	158.44
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	\$326.73

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**CHARLES W. MORGAN FUND.**

1879.

Jan. 1st.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$216.74
	One year's interest,	60.00
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		\$276.74

**JAMES B. CONGDON FUND.**

1879.

Jan. 1st.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$57.42
	One year's interest,	30.00
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		\$87.42

**OLIVER CROCKER FUND.**

1879.

Jan. 1st.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$4.50
	One year's interest,	60.00
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		\$64.50

Total unexpended balances in the control of the Board of Trustees :

1880.

Jan. 1st.	Sylvia Ann Howland Free Public Library Fund,	\$11,463.01
	George Howland Jr. Fund,	326.73
	Charles W. Morgan Fund,	276.74
	James B. Congdon Fund,	87.42
	Oliver Crocker Fund,	64.50
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		\$12,218.40

**GEORGE H. DUNBAR,**

Clerk of the Board of Trustees.

**FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, Jan. 1st, 1880.**



## THE MANUSCRIPT COPY OF WATTS'S HYMNS.

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The following description of the work mentioned on page 7th appeared in the New Bedford Mercury.

### A CURIOUS BOOK.

Mr. E. N. Leslie, of Skaneateles, New York, who is the owner of "many a quaint and curious volume of forgotten lore," has in his possession a complete verbatim et literatim et punctuatim copy of Watts's Hymns in manuscript, now something more than one hundred and fifty years old. It was copied with a goose quill pen, simply for pastime, by Mr. John Gerrish, in 1727, who at that time was preceptor in a literary institution in Salem, Mass. This book is of the exact size of the original, the leaves measuring  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length by  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches in width. The space occupied by the writing on each page is 3 by  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches, and the entire book (exclusive of the covers) is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in thickness. The preface occupies 23 pages, the hymns cover 358 pages, and the "index, or table to find a psalm suited to particular occasions," fills 6 pages. There is also a beautiful pen-printed table of contents of 8 pages. The volume is substantially bound in calf, and shows that the successive generations through whose hands it has passed have handled it with great care, as it is now in nearly as good a state of preservation as it was one hundred and fifty years ago.

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John Gerrish was born in Salem, Mass., June 23d, 1698. Mr. Leslie is the only living descendant of John Gerrish, the copyist.

This notice attracted the attention of Mr. Congdon. He immediately wrote to Mr. Leslie, who is the son of Capt. David Leslie, formerly of New Bedford, asking him to present the book to the library. He found that Mr. Leslie had already offered it to Mr. John Ward Dean for the library of the New England Historic, Genealogical

Society ; but Mr. Dean kindly relinquished his claim, and the work was sent to Mr. Congdon and handed by him to the Trustees, together with his extensive correspondence with Mr. Leslie, containing many items of personal and local interest.

We give below a portion of this correspondence, Dr. Bowditch's letter, and the document referred to by Mr. Leslie. Also a few genealogical notes inserted in the volume by Mr. Leslie.

FROM MR. LESLIE TO JAMES B. CONGDON.

SKANEATELES, April 7th, 1879.

*James B. Congdon, Esq. :*

My Esteemed Friend,—I am just in receipt of your favor of 2d inst. I send you herewith the "old book,"—also send a letter written by Nathaniel Bowditch, of Salem, to my father, in the year 1808, in reference to the total eclipse of the sun, which took place previous to that year. I had quite a series of letters from him, which I sent to the Salem Institute in Salem. I also send a local document, which may be interesting to the Trustees of the Free Public Library.

With my kind regards and esteem,

Very sincerely yours,

E. NORMAN LESLIE.

FROM JAMES B. CONGDON TO THE TRUSTEES.

NEW BEDFORD, 118 COUNTY STREET,

4th month 30th, 1879.

*To the Trustees of the Free Public Library :*

My Friends,—I hand you a volume, which, in the correspondence which accompanies this note, is called the "Curious Book." You will see by the letters the character of the book and the name of the generous donor.

It is certainly a wonderful chirographical achievement. It is gratifying to me to have been instrumental in procuring it for the library.

I send the papers and letters, as they are of some interest independent of their connection with the "Curious Book."

With the highest regard.

JAMES B. CONGDON.

## DR. BOWDITCH'S LETTER.

SALEM, Aug. 13, 1808.

*Capt. David Leslie :*

Dear Sir,—In my answer to your polite favour of the 18th ult. I forgot to request of you the names of the persons who observed on the N. E. part of Nashewena, and as in all the observations I shall communicate to the Academy I shall endeavor to mention the names of the observers, it will be agreeable to me to procure them.

Since I wrote you I have procured some observations made at Falmouth, in some parts of which the eclipse was not total; from which it would follow that the error of the lunar tables in latitude was only 3 sec. instead of 7 or 8 sec., as appears by the Vermont observations and those you have furnished me. For further information on the subject, I am now endeavoring to procure observations made on the eastern part of the Cape land about Eastham or Chatham, to find nearly that part where the southern part of the shadow quitted our continent. It would be conferring an additional favour if you could assist in this business, and also if you could ascertain whether the eclipse was total on the *most northern point* of the Vineyard. I have written to W. Folger, Esq., on this subject, but am quite uncertain whether he can procure the observations or not.

In return for your civilities, I should be happy in assisting you with any information you may want from this quarter, or in rendering you any service in my power.

Respectfully,

Your humble servant,

NATHL. BOWDITCH,  
of Salem, Mass.

## COLLECTOR WESTON'S ORDER TO CAPT. LESLIE.

CUSTOM HOUSE, NEW BEDFORD,

January 12th, 1809.

*Capt. David Leslie :*

You having charge of the sloop Exchange, chartered into the service of the United States, are ordered to embrace the first opportunity and proceed to and lay and cruise in the ports and waters of Westport and Dartmouth, to support and carry into execution the several Acts of the Congress of the United States of America laying an Embargo. When there are no suspicious vessels in those waters, and when you may suspect that there are suspicious vessels in Seconet river or about the adjacent islands, you may visit them, taking special care that you be not absent so far or so long from the above-named ports and waters

as to defeat the object of a special attention to the ports and waters of Dartmouth and Westport. And you are ordered to bring to, board, and examine all vessels that you may suspect to be violating the laws; and you are authorized to bring into this port, for further examination, all vessels that you may find violating the laws of the United States. And you are to have for wages whatever the Secretary of the Treasury may think a just and reasonable compensation; and you are authorized to employ a sufficient number of good men on as reasonable terms as may be, to navigate and work said vessel. You will, in providing and dealing out provisions to the people, as well as in all other matters, observe strict economy, and conduct in such manner that no person shall have right to complain of your treatment; and for your further government in the use of arms you will observe the 102nd section of the collection Act, and the several Embargo laws.

ISAIAH WESTON, Collr.

#### GERRISH GENEALOGY.

[NOTE.] The notes are from Savage's Gen. Dict. of New England; Hist. Coll. of the Essex Institute, v. 5; Sewall's Diary, in Coll. Mass. Hist. Soc., 5th s., v. 1; and the correspondence of Mr. Leslie.

- (1.) Capt. Wm. Gerrish was a native of Bristol, England. He came to New England in 1640, and settled at Newbury, Mass. He married Joanna Oliver, widow of John Oliver, April 17, 1664.\* Her maiden name was Goodale. She died June 18, 1677.† He married, 2d, Ann Sandy, widow of John Sandy, and daughter of Richard Parker of Boston,‡ and moved to Boston in 1678. He was taken sick in the Summer of 1687, and on the 3d of August he was carried from his home in Cornhill in a sedan chair to a boat and taken to Salem, where he died Aug. 9. His friends thought that taking him to Salem by water might help him. He was buried in Capt. Prince's [Price's] tomb.§ He had ten children, all by his first wife,|| viz. :

- 1-2. William, born April 1, 1645; died July 16, 1683.¶

\* 1645. S. † June 14. S.

‡ "Widow, I suppose, of John Manning." Parker's daughter Ann married John Manning, and their daughter Ann married, 1689, John Sands [or Sandys.] S.

§ Thursday, Aug. 11, I ride to Salem with Cousin Savage and Mr. Dering to the funeral of Capt. Gerrish. Major Gedney, Major Brown, Mr. Hawthorn, Weld, Dering and self, bearers. Was laid in Capt. Price's Tomb. Capt. Winthrop, Edward Tyng, Mr. Willard, were by accident there. Mr. Higginson, Willard, Noyes had scarfs, and the bearers. Hardly above two of Newbury there, viz.: Nath. Clark, James Smith. [Sewall's Diary.]

|| Had Henry by his second wife. S.

¶ Savage makes him the third child, born June 6, 1648; died May 10, 1683.

3. John, born April 12, 1646;\* died April 10, 1714.
  4. Abigail, born May 10, 1647.
  5. Joseph, born March 23, 1650; died Jan. 20, 1720.†
  6. Benjamin, born June 13, 1652;‡ died July 2, 1713.§
  7. Elizabeth, born Aug. 20, 1654.||
  8. Moses, born May 9, 1656; died Dec. 4, 1694.
  9. Mary, born April 1, 1658.
  10. Anna, born Oct. 18, 1660.
  11. Judith, born Sept. 10, 1662.
- 1-6. Benjamin Gerrish was collector of the port of Salem. He married, 1st, Hannah Ruck, and had—
- 6-12. Benjamin, born Aug. 25, 1677; died an infant.
  13. Hannah, born Jan. 24, 1678.
  14. Elizabeth, born Jan. 8, 1681.
  15. Benjamin, born Jan. 17, 1683; died April 24, 1720.  
He married, 2d, Anna Payne, and had—
  16. Anna, born Jan. 14, 1689.
  17. John, born Dec. 12, 1691; died next day.
  18. Mary, born March 6, 1692; died same year.
  19. John, born March 7, 1694; died 1695.  
He married, 3d, Elizabeth Turner, and had—
  20. John, born June 23, 1698.
  21. Lydia, born Jan. 22, 1701.¶
  22. Eunice, born Aug. 19, 1704.
- 6-20. John Gerrish married Sarah Coney (*sic*),\*\* and had—
- 20-23. Mary.
  24. Elizabeth.
  25. John.
- 20-25. John Gerrish settled in New Bedford, where he kept a tavern on Water street. He married — —, and had—
- 25-26. John.
  27. Benjamin.

\* May 12 or 15, 1646. S.

† Jan. 6. S.

‡ Jan. 13. S.

§ April 2, S.; April 24, E. Inst.

|| Sept. 10. S.

¶ June 22, E. Inst.

\*\* "John, born June 23, 1698, married Sarah Cutler, Sept. 11, 1735. He was a school-master in Salem from 1724 to 1748 at a salary of £80 per annum, and he gave such satisfaction that his salary was increased for several of the last years £17 10s. There were then but two schools within the main body of the town; Mr. Nutting taught the other. Master Gerrish was as famous in his day for his penmanship as Master Hacker was half a century ago, and I have some specimens of his writing which do no discredit to his reputation. The house in which he resided was in Church street, and has been known in our day as the Handy House. It has been recently demolished, and the site is covered with the City Stable and Steam Fire Engine House. His children were Mary, born June 19, 1736; Elizabeth, born Dec. 5, 1737; John, born April 24, 1744. [Died May 20, 1815, in the 75th year of his age. N. B. Mercury.] I know no more of them." Benj. F. Browne in Essex Inst. Hist. Coll., v. 5, p. 28.

28. Sarah.
29. Mary, died in New York, 1839.
30. Susan, born 1780; died Feb. 18, 1845, in New York.
- 25-28. Sarah Gerrish married John Alexander [and had two children. One died mate of a ship in the East Indies; the other, Charles Gerrish Alexander, was in 1832 a druggist's clerk in New York.]
- 25-29. Mary Gerrish married Preserved Fish in New Bedford. No children. [Mr. Fish was born in Portsmouth, R. I., July 3, 1766; died in New York, July 23, 1846. In 1815 he formed a business connection in New York with Joseph Grinnell of New Bedford. The firm was Fish & Grinnell. See "Sketch of the Life of the late Preserved Fish," in Hunt's Merchant's Magazine, vol. 15, p. 532.]
- 25-30. Susan Gerrish married [1806] Capt. David Leslie. [Of her children, Capt. Henry died in New York, April 19, 1847, aged 40; Albert died in 1832;] Edmund Norman Leslie, born 1817, is the only surviving member of this branch of the family.

[Dated] SKANEATELES, Aug. 17, 1878.

# GIFTS, 1879.

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	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
American Antiquarian Society,.....		2
American Philosophical Society, .....	1	1
American Unitarian Association, 52 newspapers, ..	2	
Anthony, E. and B.,.....	2	484
Apprentices' Library, New York,.....		2
Bodley, Rachel L.,.....		1
Boston Public Library, .....		4
Bowditch, W. J., .....		1
Bradlee, Rev. C. D.,.....		3
Brookline Public Library, .....		1
Brownell, T. Frank, .....		1
Buckminster, Joseph, .....	1	
Butler Hospital for the Insane,.....		1
Chicago Public Library, .....		1
Choate, John C., .....		1
Cobden Club, .....		1
Congdon, Charles, 3 autographs, 7 engravings, ....	11	4
Congdon, James B.,.....		3
Connecticut Board of Health,.....		1
Crunden, Frederick M., .....		1
Cushman, Austin S., .....		2
Cutter, Abram E.,.....		1
Davis, Henry V., MS. volume of records,*.....	1	
Denham, Edward,.....		3
Dennison, T. B., .....		2
Dews, Edwin,.....		1
Dimmock, G.,.....		1
Dunbar, George H., 21 newspapers,.....		38
Durfey, Richard T., .....	3	9
Emery, Edwin, .....		43
Farrington, William H., .....		22
Fearing, Andrew C.,.....	7	
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt.,.....	1	1
Flint, Charles L., .....		1

\* Record of marriages in Dartmouth, 1781-1836, by Elder Daniel Hix. Copied from the originals, by Thomas M. James.

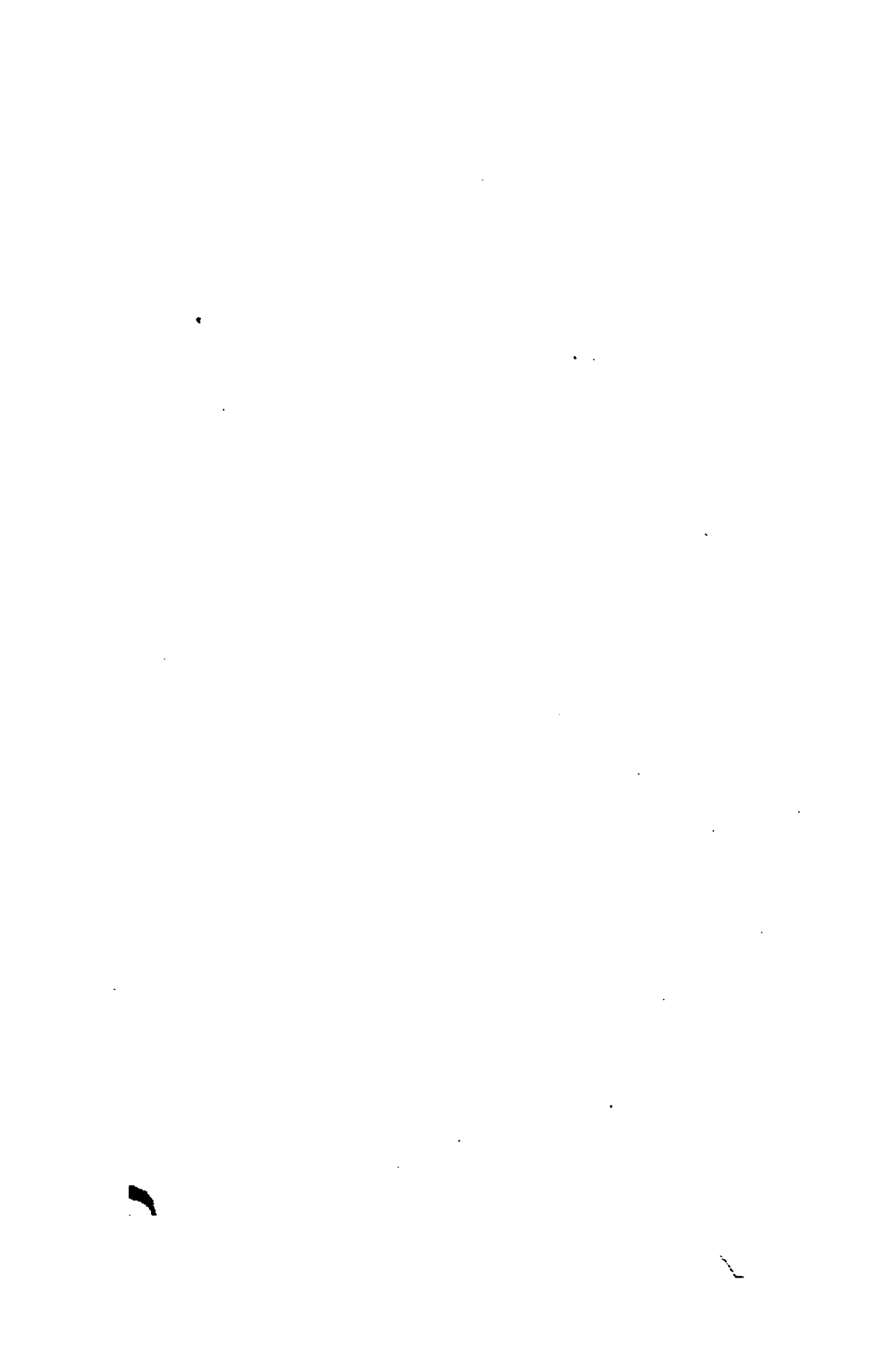
	Volumes. Pamphlets.	
Foster, W. E.,.....		1
Franklin Fire Insurance Company, .....	1	
Friends' Free Reading Room, Germantown,.....		2
Garfield, J. A., .....		1
Greene, Francis B., .....	3	472
Harris, W. T.,.....		1
Hartford Library Association, .....		3
Harvard University, Cambridge, .....		7
Haverhill Public Library, .....		1
Herbert, Charles, .....		1
Hodges, M. F., .....	1	
Howell, Edward, .....	1	
Howgate, H. W., .....		1
Howland, Andrew M.,.....	8	219
Howland, George, Jr.,.....		67
Hutchinson, S., .....	1	
Keen, Ebenezer S., 2 newspapers.		
Knox, John Jay, .....		1
Lancaster Library Committee, .....		1
Lawrence Public Library, .....		4
Lawton, James M., Jr.,.....	4	
Lee, Leslie A., .....	1	4
Leslie, E. N., MS. volume and 2 documents.		
Library Company, Philadelphia, .....		2
Lindgreen, Anthony,.....	1	
Lowell City Library,.....		1
Lynn Public Library,.....		1
McCalla & Stavely, .....		1
McPhail, H. A. C.,.....	1	1
Massachusetts Documents :		
Public Documents, .....	5	
Board of Health, .....	1	
Lunatic Hospital, Worcester, .....		1
State Library,.....		1
Memorial Hall Library, Andover,.....		1
Mercantile Library Association, Cincinnati,.....		1
Mercantile Library Association, New York city,..		1
Mercantile Library Association, San Francisco,...		1
Mercantile Library Company, Philadelphia,.....		1
Mercury Publishing Company, .....		2
Morgan, S. Griffiths,.....		2
Newton Free Library, .....		1
Nye, Gideon, Jr., .....	1	1
Page, S. W., .....		1



	Volumes. Pamphlets.	
Palmer, Dr., .....		1
Peabody Institute, Baltimore,.....		1
Perkins Institution for the Blind,.....		1
Pickering, Sarah S.,.....	1	
Pope Manufacturing Company,.....	1	
Public School Library, Cleveland,.....		1
Rice, Randall, 3 broadsides.		
Roberts, Rev. O. A.,.....		1
Rotch, William,.....		2
Rodman, Edmund,.....		6
Rodman, Thomas R., .....	4	8
Smithsonian Institution,.....	9	
Sotheran, H.,.....		1
Springfield City Library,.....		1
Taber, Charles & Co., .....		1
Taunton Public Library,.....		1
Thomson, John H., 23 newspapers, .....	3	3
Thomson, Peter G., .....	1	
United States Documents:		
Department of Agriculture, .....	1	
Bureau of Education, .....	1	
Chief of Engineers,.....	5	2
Department of the Interior,.....	1	
Department of State, .....	1	
Department of the Treasury,.....	1	
Department of War,.....	2	
Patent Office, .....	3	
Wallis, A., .....		3
Washburn, W. T.,.....	2	
Waterhouse, S.,.....		2
Wheaton, Walter F., .....		1
Wilcox, Thomas, .....	6	
Willcox, David B., 1 MS.		
Wiley, H., .....	4	3
Wilmington Institute, Del.,.....		1
Winchester, C. T.,.....		1
Woodward, Charles L.,.....		1
Worcester Public Library, .....		1
Woburn Library Committee,.....		1
Young Men's Association, Buffalo,.....		1

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# OFFICERS OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE YEAR 1881.

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## TRUSTEES.

*Ex-officio. Terms expire January, 1882.*

GEORGE WILSON, Mayor of the City.

ISAAC B. TOMPKINS, JR., President of the Common Council.

THOMAS H. KNOWLES, Chairman of the Committee of the City Council on Public Instruction.

*Elected by the City Council.*

EDWIN DEWS,

Term expires January, 1882.

CHARLES H. PIERCE,

Term expires January, 1882.

ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.,

Term expires January, 1883.

CHARLES H. GIFFORD,

Term expires January, 1883.

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR.,

Term expires January, 1884.

GEORGE H. DUNBAR,

Term expires January, 1884.

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## PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD.

THE MAYOR.

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## CLERK.

GEORGE H. DUNBAR.

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## COMMITTEES.

*On the Library*—The Mayor, George Howland, Jr., Pierce and Knowles.

*On the Building*—Messrs. Gifford and I. B. Tompkins, Jr.

*On Binding and Blanks*—Messrs. Abraham H. Howland, Jr. and Dunbar.

*On the Museum*—Messrs. Dews, Gifford and Abraham H. Howland, Jr.

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## SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LIBRARY.

GEORGE H. DUNBAR.

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## LIBRARIAN.

ROBERT C. INGRAHAM.

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## ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS.

JOSEPHINE A. MERRICK, MARY E. BROWN.

SUSIE H. GAMMONS.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

Jan. 3, 1881.

Received and ordered to be printed in the City Documents, and sent down for concurrence.

DANIEL B. LEONARD,

City Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL,

Jan. 3, 1881.

Concurred.

G. B. WRIGHT,

Clerk.

## REPORT.

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TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD :

*Gentlemen,*—We have the honor of laying before you, for your consideration, the twenty-ninth annual report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library, and in doing so would respectfully urge the necessity of immediate action in relation to the recommendations contained therein.

The Library is a potent, practical and beneficial means of supplying the intellectual and moral wants of our people. Books are the medium through which our minds are aroused to energy and impulse. They inspire us and enlarge the sphere of our existence. By means of books our consciousness is enlivened, and we are brought into nearer and closer relationship with ourselves and the world. Books are the great store houses of wisdom and intelligence, from which we derive those means of thought and action that exercise our faculties, and educate them to fulfill the duties of life which have been assigned them. The good influences which the Library and its books wield in our community cannot be over estimated. The people will read, and while they will not all read Shakespeare or Milton, it is gratifying to see those who do not desire the highest literature, prefer what is harmless to what is prurient. Books have an all important influence upon our social relations, and those relations instituted by the benevolence of the Creator for the benefit of our whole nature, should not be considered



simply as avenues of indulgence and pleasure, but as helps in the growth and maturity of our inner-self. If then, books are really the great medium through which self-culture, knowledge, wisdom, happiness and a higher state of civilization are attained, can we be too lavish in expenditure or effort that will increase the facilities of our Library, and enable it to fulfill all demands upon it? We think not. We therefore deem it our duty to call the attention of the City Council to the absolute need of improvements required by the rapid growth in wealth, numbers and importance of the books under our supervision. Twenty-eight years ago last August the Library was instituted by an ordinance of the City Council, having for a nucleus about six thousand volumes, fifty-five hundred of which were received from the New Bedford Social Library, the remainder obtained by gift or purchase, since which time the accumulation has continually and rapidly gone on, until to-day our Library numbers forty-one thousand volumes, for the proper custody of which increased accommodation must be provided.

### STATISTICS.

Whole number of books taken during the year, seventy-five thousand seven hundred and thirty-six.

Daily average of volumes delivered, two hundred and forty-six.

Total number of cards issued, eighteen thousand one hundred and fifteen.

Increase over last year, six hundred and sixty-two.

Volumes added during the year: by purchase, one thousand two hundred and fifty-one; by gifts, one hundred and eighty-two books; three hundred and eighty-eight pamphlets; one hundred and eighty-nine newspapers,

Number of newspapers on the stand, twelve.

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Number of periodicals on the tables, one hundred and twenty.

Total number of books in the library, forty-one thousand.

These statistics show a progressing and gratifying condition of the Library, whose affairs are managed by the able Librarian in a faithful manner—leaving nothing undone that untiring effort and love of the duties can suggest. While the statistics show an increase of books taken from the Library during last year over the previous year, the percentage of increase in the number of volumes circulated is less than that of former years,—the same decrease seems to have occurred in other libraries—the reasons for which, and there are several that suggest themselves, are quite manifest. The cheap reprints issued in the Franklin Square Library, Seaside Library and other serial publications have invited and offered to the public the current fiction of the day, and also a better class of popular works at so low a price that many who have formerly depended upon the Library for their books, have been led to purchase them. The Presidential election, occurring at a time when the approach of the long evenings generally tends to an increased delivery of books, had a depressing effect on the circulation. Many of the teachers in the schools have required pupils to read and consult books in relation to their studies, and have directed them to books profitable to read, thereby decreasing beneficially the number of books delivered; as the books taken in place of the rapidly read novel require more time in their perusal than is given to the latter. These statements show that while the Library has had strong influences operating against the increase of its circulation, a larger number of books have been taken out than in any year since its opening. A daily average of

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two hundred and forty-six books taken from the Library certainly indicates that our people have a taste for reading, and that they appreciate and gladly avail themselves of the many advantages the Library affords.

At present applicants for books, stating that they are residents of the city, receive a card and are permitted to take books without further question. In sending for books overdue we sometimes find that the applicant has never resided at the place given, or that a change of residence has been made without giving notice at the Library, as the rules require. As we have a large transient population, and as our city directory is very imperfect and can give us little aid, we too often find it impossible to track the delinquent and recover the book taken. To guard against such loss we would recommend that every applicant for books be required to refer to some one citizen by whom he or she can if necessary be identified.

It has been said that the fundamental rule upon which the prosperity of the Library rested, was to "*Use carefully. Return promptly,*" and we repeat that it is a rule of more importance than would seem to appear to many of the visitors, who exercise their right to the use of the Library.

The Trustees regret to say that in many cases the books do not receive that care and attention from those who avail themselves of the privileges of the Library, that would seem expected, that should be accorded, in return for the vast benefits accruing from the existence of the Library. Among the many and altogether too frequent instances of thoughtlessness and want of care and consideration in the treatment of the books, and one betraying a vulgar and reckless mind and disposition is the practice of scribbling upon the margins and blank leaves. To all such individuals who take our books and enjoy the great and welcome benefits which the Library extend, and in so doing use and abuse them, we specially admonish them to

desist, and call their attention to the rules, and to the law of the Commonwealth in this case provided, and beg them to ever bear in mind to "*Use carefully. Return promptly.*"

### ENLARGEMENT OF THE LIBRARY.

Perhaps the most important request the Trustees have to make upon the City Council in behalf of the Library, is the imperative need for more room and more extensive provision for the accommodation of books, which are rapidly accumulating and increasing. Already the usefulness of the Library is impaired from the utter inability to carefully arrange and properly classify the books, on account of the crowded and insufficient shelf-room. What changes should be made or what enlargement and improvement would be the most feasible to accomplish all that the absolute necessities of the Library demand, we are not prepared to say, but if the Council would give the subject that consideration which is due to so important a matter, and instruct the proper committee to meet the Trustees and investigate the whole subject, we feel confident that the result would be the immediate recognition of the necessity for increased facilities we have suggested. For several years in our reports we have called your attention to the same subject, but no response has been made to our appeal. It is now so fast becoming a serious question that we hope some notice will be taken of it that will result beneficially to the Library, and in benefiting the Library you benefit directly or indirectly nearly every family in our City.

### SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND TRUST FUND.

The Trustees have not lost sight of the non-recognition by the Council of the claims of the Library upon the Treasury for the interest upon its proportion of the Sylvia

Ann Howland bequest, accumulating from the date when it was received by the City Treasurer to that when the ordinance providing for the disposition of the same was passed. That the Library is justly entitled to the amount seems to be an acknowledged fact, and one beyond dispute. The City Solicitor in his written report and opinion, under date of Dec. 19, 1876, declares as follows: "In my opinion the City should pay interest at six per cent. per annum on the amount received from the time of the several payments by the executors up to the date when the ordinance regulating the care and custody of the bequest took effect." The Trustees earnestly desire and hope that the City Council will give some attention to the subject, feeling the assurance that upon investigation the claims will appear so just and apparent that they will immediately authorize the Treasurer to credit the amount to the Library account—for it is a duty that the City cannot neglect or slight without detracting from the benefits that were intended to arise from the noble and generous bequest, and in honor of the lady whose munificent gifts have contributed so bountifully to the advancement of liberal education and public works in our City—it would seem as if justice, equity and honor all demanded the canceling of the obligation at once, and no longer let the fair name of the City suffer from such a cause.

#### JANITOR.

It has been the custom heretofore to close the Library for a time yearly for the purpose of renovation, which causes inconvenience to the public and more or less disturbance to the arrangement of the books, as it is impossible for strangers and inexperienced persons to remove the contents of the shelves or in any way to handle or disturb the books without resulting in disorder. For that, and other

reasons which are apparent, it is manifestly obvious that a person should be appointed as Janitor, whose whole time and attention should be devoted to the Library. He should be a responsible and pains-taking person, especially adapted to the place, as his duties would be connected with valued and treasured property, which should be guarded with zealous care. The Trustees are desirous of your early attention to the need of such an appointment.

### BOOKS ADDED.

During the year the leading publications of the day have been added as well as many volumes of local history. Apart from the additions which have at times been published in the newspapers, may be mentioned the following: Conington's *Virgil*; Paley's *Euripides*; Blakesley's *Herodotus*; Baillon's *Natural History of Plants*; Johnston's *Royal Atlas*; Spruner's *Historisch-geographischer Hand-Atlas*; Jamieson's *Scottish Dictionary*, 2 vols.; American reports and digest, 32 vols.; Stieler's *Karte von Deutschland*; United States digest, 35 vols.; Thomson's *Bibliography of Ohio*; Bunbury's *Ancient Geography*; Publications of the Early English Text Society; Chippendale's *Furniture*; *Cyclopædia of India*; Rosini's *Storia della pittura italiana*; Shaw's *Tile Pavements*; Bridgens' *Furniture*; Owen Jones' *Alhambra*; *Yorkshire Visitations*.

### GIFTS.

The Library has been favored as usual during the past year with gifts of books and pamphlets. A list of them will be found in the appendix, as will also be found a detailed account of the expenditures and the present condition of the several trust funds.

We give also a biographical sketch of James B. Congdon, whose death during the past year it is our sad duty to record. From the conception of the Library he was closely and intimately allied with its affairs and interests, as well as every other department of the City whose welfare and success he cherished and promoted.

Submitted in behalf of the Trustees,

WILLIAM T. SOULE,

President of the Board.

# APPENDIX.

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 1880.

### STATEMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

1880.			
Jan. 1st.	Cash on hand,		\$217.04
	Receipts from books lost and sales of catalogues, bulletins and paper stock,		6.70
	Bills repaid,		59.65
	Fines.		219.98
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			\$503.37
	Paid for Books,	\$145.15	
	Expressage, freight, jobbing,	30.55	
	Stationery,	7.64	
	P. O. box and postage,	17.17	
	Catalogue and case,	15.85	
	Binding and paper cutting,	35.95	
	Printing and advertising,	32.80	
	Incidentals,	16.13	
1881.			
Jan. 1st.	Balance in hands of Librarian,	202.13	\$503.37

### FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1880.			
Jan. 1st.	Cash on hand,		\$1,251.52
	One half net receipts from dog licenses,		684.75
	Annual appropriation (10 months),		2,500.00
	S. A. Howland Fund, error,		12.25
	Transferred from unappropriated tax account.		72.66
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			\$4,521.17



## TRUSTEES' REPORT.

Bills approved January,	\$285.16	
February,	266.65	
March,	327.48	
April,	279.35	
May,	272.15	
June,	343.10	
July,	269.65	
August,	285.90	
September,	292.41	
October,	296.40	
November,	268.65	
December,	266.77	3,453.67
Transferred to account of Public Schools,		1,067.50
		<u>\$4,521.17</u>

## TRUST FUND ACCOUNT.

1880.		
Jan. 1st. Balance on hand:		
Sylvia Ann Howland Fund,	\$11,463.01	
George Howland, Jr., Fund,	326.73	
Charles W. Morgan Fund,	276.74	
James B. Congdon Fund,	87.42	
Oliver Crocker Fund,	64.50	
		<u>\$12,218.40</u>

## SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND.

1880.		
Jan. 1st. Unexpended balance of income,	\$11,463.01	
July 1st. Six months' interest,	1,500.00	
Dec. 31st. Six months' interest,	1,500.00	
		<u>\$14,463.01</u>

Bills approved, (for books, periodicals and binding,) viz.:		
January audit,	\$243.92	
February,	148.72	
March,	235.06	
April,	122.60	
May,	199.84	
June,	141.63	
July,	194.52	
August,	89.52	
September,	312.35	
October,	312.41	
November,	339.99	
December,	168.45	2,500.01
		<u>\$11,963.00</u>

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

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The detailed statement of the expenditure from the income of this fund is as follows:

Q. F. Collins,	\$47.70
Scribner & Welford,	19.00
James M. Lawton, Jr.,	305.06
S. Hutchinson,	293.38
New England Subscription Agency,	82.17
Library Journal,	.80
Carl Schoenhof,	73.95
Houghton, Osgood & Co.,	2.50
Eben P. Raymond,	3.00
Edwin Dews,	213.55
David G. Francis,	32.72
Massachusetts Historical Society,	6.00
F. Leypoldt,	6.00
Little, Brown & Co.,	227.75
Essex Institute,	9.00
E. Anthony & Sons,	6.00
J. W. Bouton,	43.20
John Allyn,	541.24
Estes & Lauriat,	24.00
American Journal of Mathematics,	5.00
Charles L. Woodward,	126.51
Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia,	5.00
U. S. Patent Office,	31.20
Charles Scribner's Sons,	13.34
James H. Hathaway, Treas., (advanced for periodicals),	77.11
George Dimmock,	3.00
Elliot Woodward,	10.32
Brown Thurston,	5.20
R. C. Ingraham,	2.50
New England Historical Genealogical Society,	2.00
W. H. Pendergrast,	10.75
George M. Eliot,	17.35
F. B. Sanborn,	1.00
Henry C. Nash,	6.00
Edwin Emery,	2.00
Arthur Clifford,	17.50
Mining Record,	3.00
National Temperance Society,	9.74
George H. Walker & Co.,	12.00
John D. Parsons, Jr.,	132.50
E. W. Nash,	10.35
Robert Clark & Co.,	43.62
Peter G. Thompson,	8.00
T. S. H. Hammond,	8.00
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	\$2,500.01

## TRUSTEES' REPORT.

## GEORGE HOWLAND, JR. FUND.

1880.		
Jan. 1st.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$326.73
	One year's interest,	96.00
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		\$422.73
Nov. 30th.	John Allyn's bill,	157.95
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		\$264.78

## CHARLES W. MORGAN FUND.

1880.		
Jan. 1st.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$276.74
	One year's interest,	60.00
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		\$336.74

## JAMES B. CONGDON FUND.

1880.		
Jan. 1st.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$87.42
	One year's interest,	30.00
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		\$117.42

## OLIVER CROCKER FUND.

1880.		
Jan. 1st.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$64.50
	One year's interest,	60.00
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		\$124.50

Total unexpended balances in the control of the Board of Trustees:

1881.		
Jan. 1st.	Sylvia Ann Howland Fund,	\$11,963.00
	George Howland, Jr. Fund,	264.78
	Charles W. Morgan Fund,	336.74
	James B. Congdon Fund,	117.42
	Oliver Crocker Fund,	124.50
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		\$12,806.44

## GEORGE H. DUNBAR.

Clerk of the Board of Trustees.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, Jan. 1st, 1881.

## NECROLOGY.

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The death of James Bunker Congdon, which occurred on the 10th of June of the current year, demands more than a passing notice. Well may his name and worth have honorable mention in the archives of the Free Public Library; for to him perhaps more than to all others is it indebted, not only for its existence, but for its continued prosperity, and for the measure of usefulness to which it has attained.

Mr. Congdon prepared and headed the petition to the City Council, which resulted in 1852 in the permanent establishment of the Library; and to his energy and untiring devotion it is due that the few thousand volumes of the old Social Library became the foundation of an institution of great public benefit, and of which the city has so much reason to be proud.

Elected a member of the first Board of Trustees—a position which he held, except during a brief interval, for more than twenty years—he watched with untiring zeal over its struggling infancy. As its hold on the community grew firmer and its usefulness broader, his watchful interest kept even pace with its beneficent development; he was constantly suggesting, and, when authority had been secured, instituting measures for its progressive advantage.

Secretary of the Board of Trustees from its organization in 1852 until near the close of his life, the annual reports of the Board to the City Government, always scholarly

and often ardent and glowing in their style, and which tended largely to invite and to hold the good will of the City Governments and the public itself, were invariably from his pen. When the corner-stone of the beautiful Library Building was laid, (which fully symbolized the permanence of the institution, while it opened the way to increased usefulness), Mr. Congdon led in the ceremonies of the occasion, and delivered an address, in which he gave in detail the history of the enterprise, and foretold its success. He lived long enough to see its prosperity well assured, and to enjoy not only by himself, but through the public generally, its great and continually increasing benefits. He gave not only his services to the cause, but in 1876, having received from the City five hundred dollars for revising the charter and ordinances, he gave it as a donation to the trust funds of the Library.

Thus did he prove his interest by deeds of unselfish devotion. Yet, though his life was one of varied usefulness; while, as has been truly said of him, "No one ever wrought more continuously, ungrudgingly and unselfishly for the public weal;" it is certain that no fruits of his labor were so grateful to himself, as those richly garnered in connection with the Free Public Library.

The history of his private life was not eventful, and is briefly told. He was the son of Caleb Congdon, a native of Rhode Island, who came here and was married to the daughter of Benjamin Taber. Mr. Taber was an early settler, whose house was burned by the British in the Revolutionary War. Mr. Congdon received his early education in our public schools. At the age of eighteen he became bookkeeper for Messrs. William H. and Gideon Allen, in whose employ he remained five years. When the Merchants Bank was chartered and went into operation, he became its cashier, which position he filled with superior ability, securing prosperity and credit for that institution,

Honor and confidence for himself, until 1858, a period of nearly thirty years, when severe illness caused by overwork compelled him to resign.

On his recovery in the spring of the same year, he was elected City Treasurer and Collector of Taxes. He was annually re-elected, until in 1879, advancing years warned him to relieve himself of the burden of his public responsibilities, when he resigned his post. He had been a signally faithful and competent officer. Throughout the Civil War, when the labors of the City Treasurer were greatly complicated and augmented, he proved himself equal to every emergency. To his other duties—from the time of the establishment of the Acushnet Water Board, to his resignation of his office a few months before his death—he added those of Registrar of the Board.

The public is always ready to place responsibility on competent, trusted, and willing shoulders. Mr. Congdon did not know himself, when he thought to favor his increasing infirmities, and pass the remaining years in repose. The post of member of the Board of Health, then newly created, was offered to him, and he accepted it. He was elected chairman of the Board. He entered upon his duties with enthusiastic appreciation of responsibility and opportunity, and that spirit of conscientious fidelity which characterized all his exertions through life, and labored in his new field with intense earnestness and corresponding efficiency. The elaborate report of the Board at the close of its first year was from his pen. It was the last monument of his public service.

These efforts were too much for his enfeebled frame. He made them only by force of a will that triumphed over physical suffering. On March 24th, 1880, he was compelled to resign, and on the 10th of June he died. He wrought diligently in his unselfish and benevolent work, until the evening shadows fell, and the night came when no

man can work. It was fitting that at the funeral of such an officer the public offices should be closed, and the City Government should attend the services in a body ; and that highly complimentary resolutions, unanimously adopted, should have a permanent place in the records of the City Council.

Mr. Congdon's philanthropy was as conspicuous as his fidelity. The kindness of his heart was never appealed to in vain. The leisure which most other men would have devoted to relaxation, he crowded with beneficent labor. He was a warm friend to the New Bedford Lyceum, giving it at all times the support of his voice and pen. He was one of the most active and efficient members of the Port Society, which has accomplished admirable results in behalf of the seamen sailing from this port. He was a Trustee of the Institution for Deaf Mutes in Northampton. For eleven years he was a member of the School Committee, and then and ever after a champion of the public schools, a zealous friend of all measures tending to their improvement and to the cause of education. From 1834 to 1841, and from 1842 until the acceptance of the City charter in '47, Mr. Congdon was one of the Selectmen of the town, and for many years chairman of the Board. Indeed, there was no philanthropic movement in the community during his life that he was not its pronounced and active supporter, and for him to support a cause, was to mortgage to its furtherance his time and his powers. He readily responded to every demand made upon his facile pen. He wrote most of the annual reports, historical sketches, and other publications of the institutions with which he was permanently identified. His addresses, essays, and reports would *of themselves* fill a volume.

His ready pen was busy at times in other important work. He drew up the charter for the City Government, which was enacted by the Legislature in 1847. He wrote

most of the ordinances which from time to time have been adopted by the City Council. The historical details in the appendix to the Centennial History of New Bedford, which was published in 1876, were edited by him. He was a frequent contributor to the press in both prose and poetry; and his productions were often admirable, always creditable.

He was a dear lover of books, which he read with avidity, appropriating what was best in them with acute discrimination. It was the valuable service which books had rendered to him in the moulding of his thought and the enlargement of his culture, which intensified his interest in the Free Public Library. It was the wish of his loving heart that every soul in the community should have, "without money and without price," the same intellectual advantages which he himself had received and so much enjoyed.

His portrait, the gift of grateful friends, hangs in the main hall of the Library. It is in the most fitting place. He seems to be looking approvingly down (as if in realization of his fondest hopes) upon the Library itself, so much the work of his hands, and the volumes, so much the delight of his heart. As those who avail themselves of the advantages of an institution which he did so much to establish and foster, pass and repass that silent image, may they sometimes remember his example, and be inspired to lead lives of faithful citizenship and disinterested philanthropy.

G. H. D.



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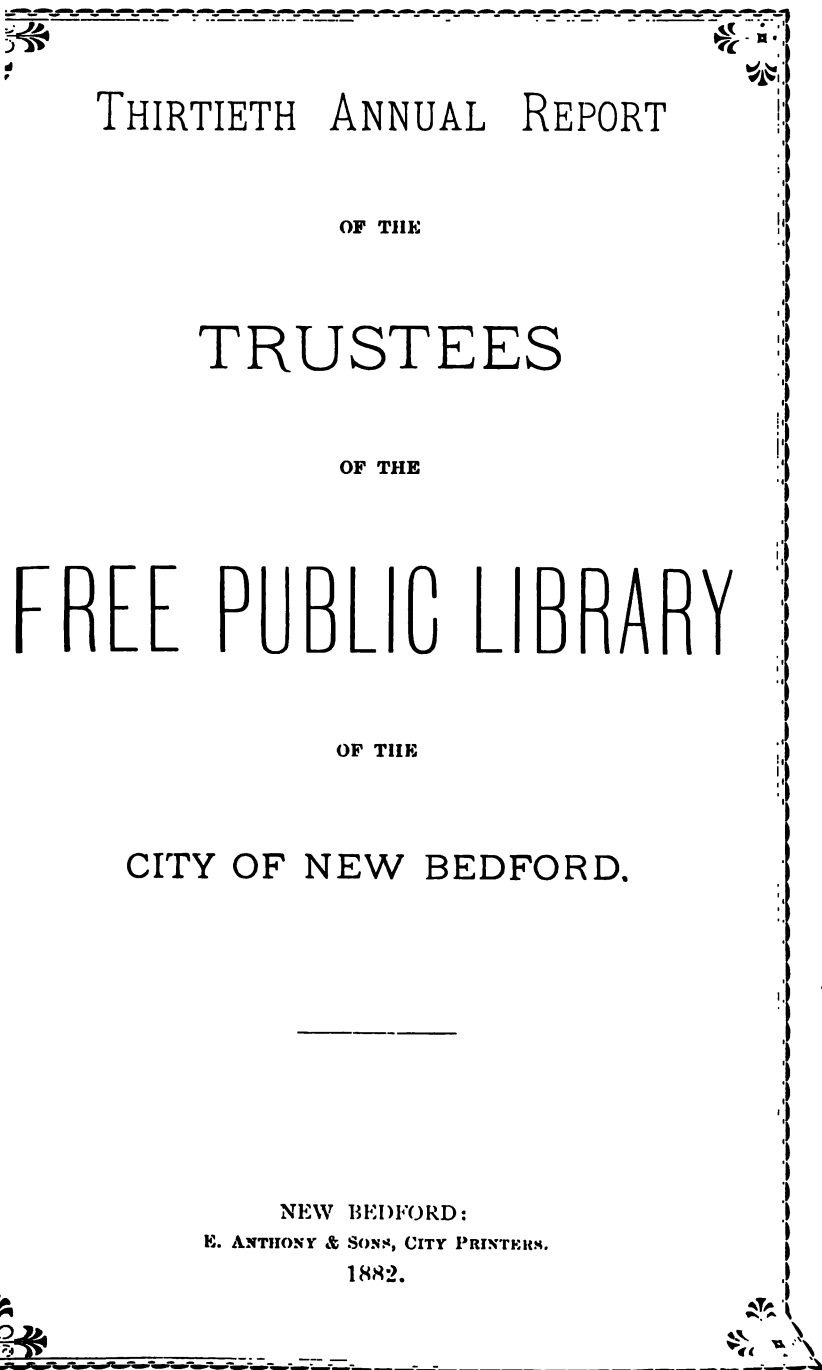
	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Allen, Zachariah,.....	1	
Allyn, John,.....	1	
American Antiquarian Society,.....	2	
American Philosophical Society,.....	1	3
American Unitarian Association, 52 newspapers,.....	2	
Anthony, E. and Sons,.....		1
Apprentices' Library, New York,.....		1
Arnold, Geo. H.,.....	1	
Board of Education, Dayton, Ohio,.....	1	
Boston Public Library, 4 bulletins,.....		2
Bourne, Nathaniel,.....	1	
Bowditch, Henry I.,.....	1	
Bradlee, C. D.,.....	1	8
Brayton, David,.....	1	
Brookline Public Library,.....		1
Brownell, T. Frank,.....		1
Bunker Hill Monument Association,.....	1	
Butler Hospital for the Insane,.....		1
Chandler, Wm. H.,.....		1
Chicago Public Library,.....		1
Choate, John C.,.....		1
Clark, Robert, and Co.,.....		1
Cobden Club,.....	1	2
Congdon, James B.,.....	14	
Congregational Publication Society,.....	1	
Crapo, Wm. W.,.....	52	7
Crunden, Frederick M.,.....		1
Dennison, T. R.,.....		2
Dexter, Frank B.,.....		4
Dunbar, George H.,.....	2	4
Eclectic Medical Society,.....		1
Editors of the Alta California,.....		1
Earle, Pliny,.....		1

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Fall River Public Library.....		1
Farrington, Wm. H.,.....		13
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt.....		1
Flint, Chas. L.,.....	10	51
Friends' Free Library, Germantown.....		1
Gilman, Miss May,.....	1	
Green, Francis B., 183 newspapers.		
Hartford Library Association.....		1
Harvard College.....		2
—— Library,.....		1
Hathaway, Thos. B.,.....	1	
Haverhill Public Library.....		1
Hawkins, Dexter A.....		1
Holmes, Albert W.....	5	
Hough, Geo. T.,.....		71
Howland, Geo., Jr.....		58
Hutchinson, S.,.....		2
Index Association.....	3	
Ingalls, Mrs. E. A.....		5
Keen, Eben S., 5 papers.....		
Lancaster Library.....		1
Lawrence Public Library.....		5
Lawton Annie.....		2
Lawton, Jas. M.....	6	
Lee, Leslie A.....		3
Liberty Hall Association, Play bills, 1877-79.		
Library Company, Philadelphia.....		1
Little, Brown, and Co.....		2
Lynn Public Library.....		1
Memorial Hall Library, Andover.....		1
Mercantile Library Association, New York.....		2
Milliken, Eben C.,.....		1
Morgan, S. Griffiths.....	1	
Nagle, John T.,.....		2
Newton Free Library.....		1
Nye, Gideon, Jr.....	1	1
Oliver, Francis J.....		1
Parsons, John D., Jr.,.....	1	
Peabody Institute.....		2
Pease, Richard L.....		1
Peirce, Charles H.....	1	
Perkins' Institution for the Blind.....		1
Phillips and Hunt, New York.....		1
Pierce, Henry L.,.....	1	
Porquet, Ch., Paris.....	1	

Prime, Fredk., Jr.....		1
Providence Public Library,.....	1	1
Quint, Alonzo H.,.....		1
Rhode Island Society for the Encouragement of Do- mestic Industry,.....		19
Roberts, Oliver A.....	1	
Rodman, Edmund.....		2
Rodman, Thomas R.,.....		3
Smithsonian Institution,.....	4	
Soule, Wm. T.,.....	1	47
Springfield City Library,.....		1
St. Louis Public School Library,.....		4
Staples, S. E.,.....		1
State Lunatic Hospital, Northampton,.....		1
State of Massachusetts,.....	4	
Taber, Charles, and Co.....		4
Taunton Public Library.....		1
Taylor, Wm. B.,.....	1	
Terry, Isaac,.....		1
Thomas, Allen C.,.....		2
Thomson, John H.,.....		2
United States:		
Department of Agriculture,.....	1	
Bureau of Education,.....	1	8
Bureau of Engineers,.....	1	
Department of the Interior,.....	49	8
Department of the Treasury,.....	1	
Library of Congress,.....		1
Patent Office,.....	3	
Wadleigh, R. H.,.....	1	
Watertown Public Library,.....		2
Willey, Henry,.....	51	1
Wilmington Institute, Delaware,.....		1
Winchester Home for Aged Women,.....		1
Woburn Library,.....		2
Woodward, Charles L.,.....		2
Worcester Free Public Library,.....		1
Worth, Edmund,.....		1
Yeaton, Chas. C., 9 newspapers.		
Young Men's Association, Buffalo.....		1
Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, Cincinnati,		1



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IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

Jan. 5, 1882.

Received and ordered printed in the City Documents,  
and sent down for concurrence.

D. B. LEONARD, City Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL,

Jan. 5, 1882.

Concurred.

G. B. WRIGHT, Clerk.

# REPORT.

*To the City Council of the City of New Bedford:*

The Trustees of the Free Public Library, in presenting their thirtieth annual Report, congratulate themselves and the public on the continued success of the institution under their charge, as indicated by the increased number of visitors, and also by the greater number of books taken from it.

This increased and increasing interest taken by our citizens in this *their* library is very gratifying.

The whole number of books taken during the year has been seventy-six thousand one hundred sixty-seven.

Daily number of volumes delivered, two hundred forty-eight.

Total number of cards issued, eighteen thousand seven hundred eighty-three; increase over last year, six hundred thirty-seven.

Volumes added during the year by purchase, one thousand five hundred five; by gifts, one hundred sixty-nine books, four hundred eighty-two pamphlets, one hundred sixty-three newspapers.

Number of newspapers on the stand, thirteen.

Number of periodicals on the tables, one hundred and twenty-one.

Total number of books in the library, forty-two thousand five hundred.

Volumes worn out and rejected, one hundred and two.

Volumes bound, one hundred thirty-three.



Volumes rebound, two hundred forty-eight.

Number of books covered, fifty-three.

Postals sent for books overdue, one hundred fifteen.

There has been an increase in the number of books taken, but not so great proportionately as in former years.

In the character of the books delivered there has been little change, but the use of books for reference in the library has largely increased.

#### BOOKS ADDED.

Among the books received by purchase are the following: Herpetology of U. S. Exploring Expedition; Schlicmann's Ilios; Memorial History of Boston; Hamersly's Naval Encyclopædia; Atlas of New Bedford; Lamb's History of New York; Publications of the Early English Text Society; Skene's Celtic Scotland; Talmudic Miscellany; Wheeler's India, vol. 4; George's Progress and Poverty; Reed's Japan; Bagehot's Biographical Studies; Lodge's English Colonies; Rawlinson's Egypt; Freeman's Historical Geography of Europe; Sibley's Harvard Graduates, vol. 2; Metric Chart and Works on the Metric System; Thomson's Central African Lakes; Hardy's Quaternions; Symond's Renaissance in Italy; Andre's Mining Machinery; Simm's Tunnelling; Du Chaillu's Land of the Midnight Sun; and 270 vols. of local history and genealogy.

And by gift: Suffolk Deeds; 250th Anniversary of the Settlement of Boston; Reports of the Boston Record Commissioners; Meteorological Journal, kept by John Howland of New Bedford, 1828-31, in ms.; Capt. James A. Crowell's Private Journal of Whaling Voyages in ships Napoleon and Arnolda, 1855-63, in ms.; also volumes from the New Bedford Book Club, S. Griffiths Morgan, S. Hutchinson, Oliver Prescott, and others.

In the appendix will be found the financial statement, list of books and pamphlets presented, and a list of periodicals currently received.

We must again call your attention to the necessity for increased accommodation for our books. All available space that the room affords is now occupied, and we have several hundred volumes that we cannot locate, including the larger portion of the reviews and magazines that we have taken since 1872. We have no space on the walls for posting lists of new books and notes for readers. Our reading desks are often overcrowded, and it is utterly impossible, in our present crowded condition, to meet the full wants of the public, and to extend the usefulness of the library.

The condition of the shelves and reading-room is not what it should be.

The present janitor has charge of the whole building, and of several of the offices in City Hall. His duties are such that it is impossible for him to do the work in our room that is absolutely necessary for the preservation of the library property, and the accommodation of the public. It therefore seems to us that the time has fully arrived when we should have a janitor qualified for the place, and who should give his entire time to the requirements of the library.

Submitted in behalf of the Trustees.

GEORGE WILSON,

President of the Board.

## APPENDIX.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING THE  
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 1881.

## STATEMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

1881.			
Jan. 1st.	Cash on hand,		\$202.13
	Receipts from books lost,		7.40
	Duplicates sold, and paper stock,		1.00
	Bills repaid,		.80
	Fines,		236.15
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			\$447.48
	Paid for Books,	\$42.33	
	Expressage, freight, jobbing,	72.60	
	Stationery,	15.75	
	P. O. box, and postage,	21.87	
	Binding and paper cutting,	2.12	
	Printing and advertising,	47.55	
	Incidentals,	37.74	
1882.			
Jan. 1st.	Balance in hands of Librarian,	207.52	\$447.48

## FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1881.		
Jan. 1st.	Annual appropriation,	\$4,000.00
	Bills approved January,	\$281.65
	February,	328.82
	March,	296.49
	April,	268.73
	May,	277.02
	June,	310.48
	July,	382.58
	August,	283.73
	September,	318.73

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	268.73	
October,		
November,	283.23	
December,	317.31	\$3,617.50
Transferred to incidentals,		382.50
		\$4,000.00

**TRUST FUND ACCOUNT.**

1881.		
Jan. 1st.	Balance on hand:	
	Sylvia Ann Howland Fund,	\$11,963.00
	George Howland Jr. Fund,	264.78
	Charles W. Morgan Fund,	336.74
	James B. Congdon Fund,	117.42
	Oliver Crocker Fund,	124.50
		\$12,806.44

**SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND.**

1881.		
Jan. 1st.	Unexpended balance of income.	\$11,963.00
June 1st.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00
Dec.31st.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00
	By duplicate bill,	6.43
		\$14,969.43

Bills approved, (for books, periodicals and binding,) viz. :

January	audit,	\$379.35
February	"	111.10
March	"	369.90
April	"	213.19
May	"	156.79
June	"	152.78
July	"	205.83
August	"	178.26
September	"	122.07
October	"	211.36
November	"	169.29
December	"	313.53
		\$2,583.45
		\$12,385.98

The detailed statement of the expenditure from the income of this fund is as follows :

New England Subscription Agency,	\$214.52
James M. Lawton, Jr.,	413.86
S. Hutchinson,	370.49
National Subscription Agency,	48.50

David G. Francis,	12.38
D. L. Guernsey,	7.50
Little, Brown & Co.,	174.02
Mercury Publishing Co.,	8.00
Mining Record,	4.00
Massachusetts Historical Society,	5.50
Carl Schoenhof	26.68
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	2.00
Joseph McDonough,	11.25
George H. Walker & Co.,	34.00
L. R. Hamersly & Co.,	12.00
J. W. Bouton,	21.60
J. R. Osgood & Co.,	74.75
F. Leypoldt,	9.00
E. Whitefield,	4.50
John D. Parsons, Jr.,	18.00
American Chemical Journal,	9.00
B. S. Gildersleeve,	6.00
John Allyn,	331.50
New England Historical Genealogical Society,	2.47
Sereno Watson,	5.00
George E. Littlefield,	97.92
Eben P. Raymond,	3.00
E. Anthony & Sons,	6.00
A. H. Roffe & Co.,	18.00
Edwin Dews,	201.50
Moses King,	6.00
George M. Elliot,	20.50
Boston Society of Natural History,	10.00
Newport Historical Publishing Co.,	4.00
Essex Institute,	3.00
Edward S. Wilson,	1.00
F. H. Morrell,	2.00
Charles Scribner's Sons,	5.00
Cooperative Newspaper Society,	2.25
Charles W Sever	5.00
Charles L. Woodward,	38.45
F. W. P. Rogers,	1.00
Academy of Natural Sciences,	5.00
George Barrie,	40.00
J. Homer Bliss,	9.00
F. P. Shunway,	12.00
Metric Bureau,	4.00
J. B. Lippincott & Co.,	4.11
John Hopkins,	2.50

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A. C. Armstrong & Sons,	23.00	
D. J. Kane & Brother,	29.00	
Henry C. Nash,	10.00	
Q. F. Collins & Co.,	46.35	
W. E. Woodward,	5.18	
Peter G. Thompson,	17.69	
Q. P. Index,	5.00	
S. T. Congdon,	1.25	
Van Brunt Bergen,	3.20	
E. O. McNair,	3.20	
Patent Office,	31.20	
S. E. Cassino,	2.50	
W. A. Greenough & Co.,	2.00	
J. H. Hathaway, treasurer, (advance for periodicals,)	76.13	\$2,583.45

GEORGE HOWLAND JR. FUND.

1881.		
Jan. 1st.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$264.78
	One year's interest,	96.00
Mar. 31st.	J. W. Bouton's bill,	154.65
		<u>206.13</u>

CHARLES W. MORGAN FUND.

1881.		
Jan. 1st.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$336.74
	One year's interest,	60.00
Feb. 28th.	George E. Littlefield's bill,	116.55
May 31st.	George E. Littlefield,	38.39
	Charles L. Woodward,	104.63
		<u>259.57</u>
		\$137.17

OLIVER CROCKER FUND.

1881.		
Jan. 1st.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$124.50
	One year's interest,	60.00
		\$184.50

JAMES B. CONGDON FUND.

1881.		
Jan. 1st.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$117.42
	One year's interest,	30.00
		\$147.42

Total unexpended balances in the control of the Board of Trustees :

1882.

Jan. 1st.	Sylvia Ann Howland Fund,	\$12,385.98	
	George Howland Jr. Fund,	206.13	
	Charles W. Morgan Fund,	137.17	
	Oliver Crocker Fund,	184.50	
	James B. Congdon Fund,	147.42	
	Dog Fund,	673.67	\$13,734.87

GEORGE H. DUNBAR,

Clerk of the Board of Trustees.

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## GIFTS, 1881.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Allen, William H.....	1	13
Alta California, Publishers of the.....		1
American Antiquarian Society, .....	1	1
American Philosophical Society,.....	2	
American Unitarian Association,.....	3	
Andover Report, Trustees of Memorial Hall, .....		1
Anonymous,.....		2
Appleton, D. & Co.,.....	1	
Boston City Government,.....	3	
Boston Public Library, .....		5
Bradlee, C. D.,.....		3
Brookline Public Library, .....		1
Brownell, T. Frank,.....		1
Buckminster, J.,.....	2	
Bunker Hill Monument Association, .....	1	
Butler Hospital for Insane,.....		1
Chicago Public Library,.....		2
Children's Hospital, Boston,.....		1
Choate, John C.,.....		1
Cincinnati Young Men's Mercantile Library Assoc.,		1
Clarke Institution for Deaf Mutes,.....		2
Cleveland Public School Library,.....		1
Clifford, Charles W., .....	1	
Cobden Club, .....	1	5
Cook, Thomas,.....		1
Crapo, William W., .....		4
Crowell, James A.,.....	1	1
Cruran, Rev. J. A., .....		1
Cutter, Abram E.,.....	1	21
Dalton, J. G.,.....	1	
Dana, E. A.,.....		1
Denham, Edward,.....	1	



	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Denison, Charles, .....	1	
Dennison, T. R., .....		2
Dexter, Rev. Henry M., .....	11	
Doane College, Crete, Nebraska, .....		1
Dunbar, George H., .....	1	4
Eclectic Medical College, New York, .....		1
Eddy, Mary B. G., .....	2	
Emery, Edwin, .....		1
Ewer, F. C., .....		1
Fall River Public Library, .....		1
Farrington, William H., .....		12
Fletcher Free Public Library, Burlington, .....		1
Friends' Free Library, Germantown, .....		1
Gardner, Charles, .....		Picture.
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, .....		2
Gifford, P. A., .....	1	
Green, Samuel A., .....	1	
Hartford Library Association, .....		3
Harvard College, .....		5
Hineks, William B., .....		1
Historical Society, Nova Scotia, .....	1	
Howland, George, Jr., .....		3
Hutchinson, S., .....		171
James, Thomas M., .....	10	
Keen, Eben S., .....	1	
Landreth, D. & Sons, .....		1
Lawrence Public Library, .....		5
Lawton, James M., Jr., .....		1
Lee, Leslie A., .....	3	
Leonard, Daniel B., .....	1	5
Library Company, Philadelphia, .....		2
Little, Brown & Co., .....		1
Lowell City Library, .....		2
Lynn Public Library, .....		1
Massachusetts, State of, .....	1	
— Library, .....		2
Mercantile Library Association, New York, .....		1
Mercury Publishing Company, .....		9
Morgan, S. Griffiths, .....	22	
New Bedford Book Club, .....	18	
New Bedford City Government, .....	1	
New Jersey Historical Society, .....	1	
New Jersey State Library, .....	1	
Newton Free Library, .....		1

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	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Nye, Gideon, .....	1	
Paine, Mrs. H. H., .....	1	
Paisler, Charles S., .....	1	
Paterson, William, .....	1	
Peabody Institute, Baltimore, .....		1
Peabody Institute, Peabody, .....		1
Peirce, Ebenezer W., .....		1
Perkins Institution for the Blind, .....		1
Pope, W. G. E., .....	1	
Prescott, Oliver, .....	Map. 2	62
Providence Public Library, .....		1
Public Library, Swansea, Wales, .....		1
Ray, F. M., .....		1
Record Commissioners, Boston, .....	4	
Robinson, Mrs. Mary S., .....	1	
St. Louis Mercantile Association, .....		1
St. Louis Public School Library, .....		2
San Francisco Mercantile Library Association, ....		1
Sherman, William R., .....	1	
Smithsonian Institution, .....	1	
Snow, Charles A., .....		29
Springfield City Library Association, .....		1
State Lunatic Hospital, Northampton, .....		1
Swift, Humphrey, .....		MS.
Tallman, William, .....		1
Taunton Baptist Association, .....		1
Taunton Public Library, .....		1
Terry, Isaac, .....		1
Tucker, B. R., ....		1
Underhill, J. W., and Peasler, J. B., .....	1	
United States :		
— Bureau of Education, .....	1	15
— Coast Survey, .....	1	
— Department of the Interior, .....	Map. 45	5
— Engineer Department, .....		1
— Patent Office, .....	4	
— Treasury Department, .....	4	
— War Department, .....	4	
Waite, Stephen, .....	1	
Waterman, William H., .....	1	3
Wayland Official Report, .....		1
Wiles, A. T., .....		1
Willcox, David B., .....		1
Willey, H., .....		4

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Wilmington Institute.....		1
Wilson, George.....		14
Woburn Public Library.....		2
Wodell, Eli, .....	1	
Wood, John W., .....	1	
Worcester Free Institute.....		1
Worcester Free Public Library.....		1
Wright, Carroll D., .....	1	
Young Men's Association, Buffalo,.....		1

## LIST OF PERIODICALS CURRENTLY RECEIVED.

The letters following the titles signify respectively, Y. yearly,  $\frac{1}{2}$ Y. half-yearly, Q. quarterly, M. monthly,  $\frac{1}{2}$ M. semi-monthly, D. daily, UN. uncertain.

Periodicals marked with an asterisk (\*) are not placed upon the table, but can be had on application at the desk.

Academy, The. London. ....	M.
Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia.	
*— Journal. ....	UN.
*— Proceedings. ....	UN.
Advocate of Peace. Boston. (Gift.) .....	UN.
Alliance News. Manchester, Eng. ....	W.
*Almanach de Gotha. Gotha. ....	Y.
American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Boston.	
*— Memoirs. ....	UN.
*— Proceedings. ....	$\frac{1}{2}$ Y.
American Agriculturist. New York. ....	M.
American Almanac. Washington. ....	Y.
American Annual Cyclopædia. New York. ....	Y.
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester.	
*— Proceedings. (Gift.) .....	$\frac{1}{2}$ Y.
*— Transactions and Collections. ....	UN.
American Architect and Building News. Boston. ....	W.
American Association for the Advancement of Science.	
— Proceedings. Salem. ....	Y.
American Chemical Journal. Baltimore. ....	UN.
American Church Review. New York. ....	Q.
American Journal of Mathematics. Baltimore. ....	Q.
American Journal of Philology. Baltimore. ....	UN.
American Journal of Science and Arts [Silliman's Journal.]	
New Haven. ....	M.
American Law Review. Boston. ....	M.
American Naturalist. Philadelphia. ....	M.
American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia.	
*— Proceedings. (Gift.) .....	$\frac{1}{2}$ Y.
*— Transactions. ....	Y.
Annals and Magazine of Natural History. London. ....	M.

*Annual Register. London.....	Y.
Antiquary, The. London.....	M.
*Art, L'. Paris.....	W.
*Art Journal, The. London.....	M.
Athenæum, The. London.....	W.
Atlantic Monthly. Boston.....	M.
Bibliotheca Sacra. Andover.....	Q.
Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine. Edinburgh.....	M.
Boston Athenæum, Boston.	
— List of Additions, with Notes.....	UN.
Boston Daily Advertiser. Boston.....	D.
Boston Daily Globe. Boston.....	D.
Boston Evening Journal. Boston.....	D.
Boston Post. Boston.....	D.
Boston Public Library, Boston.	
— Bulletin. (Gift.).....	Q.
Boston Society of Natural History, Boston.	
*— Annual.....	Y.
*— Memoirs.....	UN.
*— Proceedings.....	Q.
*Botanische Zeitung. Leipzig.....	W.
*British Almanac and Companion.....	Y.
British Journal of Photography. London.....	W.
British Quarterly Review. London.....	Q.
Bulletin de la Société d'Acclimatation. Paris. (Gift.).....	M.
Canadian Naturalist and Quarterly Journal of Science. Montreal.	Q.
Catholic World. New York.....	M.
Century Illustrated Monthly Magazine [Scribner's Monthly.]	
New York.....	M.
Chemical News. London.....	W.
Christian Register. Boston. (Gift.).....	W.
Commercial and Financial Chronicle and Huit's Merchant's	
Magazine. New York.....	W.
Contemporary Review. London.....	M.
Co-operative News. Manchester, Eng.....	W.
Daily Alta California. San Francisco.....	D.
Daily Evening Traveller. Boston.....	D.
Daily Mercury. New Bedford.....	D.
Deutsche Rundschau. Berlin.....	M.
Early English Text Society, London.	
— [Publications.].....	UN.
Edinburgh Review. Edinburgh.....	Q.
*Engineering. London.....	W.
English Catalogue of Books. London.....	Y.
*Entomologische Zeitung. Stettin.....	M.

Essex Institute, Salem, Mass.

*— Bulletin.....	M.
*— Historical Collections.....	UN.
Evening Standard. New Bedford.....	D.
Fall River Evening News. Fall River.....	D.
Fraser's Magazine. London.....	M.
Friend, The. London.....	M.
Friends' Quarterly Examiner. London.....	Q.
Friends' Review. Philadelphia.....	W.
Garden, The. London.....	W.
Gardener's Monthly and Horticulturist.....	M.
Genealogist. London.....	Q.
Granite Monthly. Dover, N. H.....	M.
Hardwicke's Science Gossip. London.....	M.
Harper's New Monthly Magazine. New York.....	M.
Harvard University Bulletin. Cambridge. (Gift.).....	Q.
Historical Magazine. New York.....	M.
* Illustrated London News. London.....	W.
* Index Medicus. New York.....	M.
International Review. New York.....	M.
* Journal für die reine und angewandete Mathematik. Berlin....	UN.
Journal of the Franklin Institute. Philadelphia.....	M.
Journal of the Royal Geographical Society. London.....	Y.
Journal of Social Science. New York.....	UN.
Journal of Speculative Philosophy. New York.....	Q.
Library Journal. New York.....	M.
Literary News. New York.....	M.
Literary World, The. Boston.....	½M.
Littell's Living Age. Boston.....	W.
* Livre, Le. Paris.....	M.
Macmillan's Magazine. London.....	M.
Magazine of American History.....	M.
Maine Genealogist and Biographer. Augusta.....	Q.
Maine Historical Society, Portland.	
*— Collections.....	UN.
Manufacturers and Farmers Journal. Providence.....	½W.
Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston.	
*— Collections.....	UN.
*— Proceedings.....	UN.
Methodist Quarterly Review. New York.....	Q.
Mind: a Quarterly Review of Psychology and Philosophy. Lond.	Q.
Mining Record. New York.....	W.
* Mittheilungen aus Justus Perthes' Geog. Anstalt. Gotha.....	M.
Monograph, The. Bangor.....	½M.
Nation, The. New York.....	W.

National Board of Health Bulletin. Washington.....	W.
Nature. London.....	W.
New Bedford Signal. New Bedford. ....	W.
New England Historical and Genealogical Register. Boston.....	Q.
New England Journal of Education. Boston. ....	W.
New Englander. New Haven. ....	Q.
New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord.	
*— Collections. ....	UN.
New Jersey Historical Society.	
*— Collections. ....	UN.
Newport Historical Magazine. Newport.....	Q.
New York Daily Tribune. New York. ....	D.
New York Genealogical and Biographical Record.....	Q.
New York Historical Society, New York.	
*— Collections. ....	UN.
New York Times. New York. ....	D.
Nineteenth Century. London. ....	M.
North American Review. Boston.....	Q.
Notes and Queries. London.....	W.
Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office. Washington. ....	W.
Our Dumb Animals. Boston. ....	M.
Peabody Academy of Science, Salem, Mass.	
*— Memoirs. ....	UN.
Pennsylvania Historical Society, Philadelphia.	
— Memoirs. ....	UN.
— Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography. ....	Q.
* Philadelphia Photographer. Philadelphia. ....	M.
* Photographic Times. New York.....	M.
Popular Science Monthly. New York. ....	M.
Potter's American Monthly. New York. ....	M.
Poultry World. Hartford.....	M.
Providence Public Library, Providence.	
— Monthly Reference Lists. ....	M.
* Publishers' Circular. London.....	M.
Publishers' Trade List Annual. New York.....	Y.
* Publishers' Weekly. [Including American Literary Gazette and Publishers' Circular.] New York.....	W.
Punch. London. ....	W.
* Quarterly Journal of Microscopical Science. London. ....	Q.
Quarterly Review. London. ....	Q.
Ray Society, London.	
— [Publications.].....	UN.
Revue des Deux Mondes. Paris. ....	M.
Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence.	
— Collections.....	M.

## Royal Society, London.

*— Philosophical Transactions. ....	Y.
*— Proceedings.....	M.
Saturday Review. London.....	W.
*Scientific American. New York.....	W.
*Scientific American Supplement. New York.....	W.
Smithsonian Institution, Washington.	
*— Contributions to Knowledge. ....	UN.
*— Miscellaneous Collections.....	UN.
Spectator. London. ....	W.
Springfield Republican. Springfield.....	D.
Statesman's Year-Book. London.....	Y.
Student, The. Haverford. ....	M.
Times, The, Weekly Edition. London.....	W.
*Truebner's American and Oriental Literary Record. London..	M.
Unitarian Review and Religious Magazine. Boston. ....	M.
United States Postal Guide. ....	M.
Universalist Quarterly. Boston. ....	Q.
Van Nostrand's Eclectic Engineering. New York.....	M.
Westminster Review. London. ....	Q.
Whalemen's Shipping List and Merchants' Transcript. N. Bedford.	W.
*Whitaker's Almanac. London.....	Y.
Whitaker's Reference Catalogue of Current Literature. London.	UN.
Worcester Society of Antiquity, Worcester.	
*— Collections [inc.Proceedings.].....	UN.
Workshop, The. New York.....	M.





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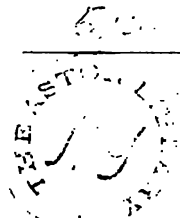
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Jan. 4, 1883.

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DANIEL B. LEONARD,

City Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL,

Jan. 4, 1883.

Concurred.

G. B. WRIGHT, Clerk.

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ANDREW B. HATHAWAY, Chairman of the Committee of the City Council on Public Instruction.

*Elected by the City Council.*

ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.,	Term expires April, 1883.
CHARLES H. GIFFORD,	Term expires April, 1883.
GEORGE H. DUNBAR,	Term expires April, 1884.
GEORGE HOWLAND, JR.,	Term expires April, 1884.
WARREN LADD,	Term expires April, 1885.
EDWIN DEWS,	Term expires April, 1885.

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# REPORT.

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*To the City Council of the City of New Bedford:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Trustees of the Free Public Library, in submitting their thirty-first annual report, point with pleasure and pride to its past history, to its small beginning, its constant and steady growth, to the kind feeling and fostering care which each successive city government has manifested in its growth and prosperity, and to the high appreciation in which it is held by the people at large, as evinced, not only by the number of volumes which are annually taken from its shelves, but by the large and constantly increasing number of persons who visit the Library for the purpose of consulting books of reference.

## STATISTICS.

Whole number of books taken during the year, seventy-one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

Daily average of volumes delivered, two hundred and twenty-nine.

Total number of cards issued, nineteen thousand four hundred and seventy-nine; increase over last year, six hundred and ninety-six.

Books added during the year by purchase, one thousand two hundred and forty-one volumes; by gift, three hundred and eighty-one volumes, and eight hundred and twenty-six pamphlets.



Number of newspapers on the stand, fourteen.

Number of periodicals received, one hundred and sixty-five.

Total number of books in the library, forty-five thousand.

Volumes worn out and rejected, sixty-eight.

Volumes bound, three hundred and eight.

Volumes rebound, two hundred and ninety-seven.

Postals sent for books overdue, one hundred and six.

### ADDITIONS.

A list of books added has recently been published in the Standard and Mercury. Among those presented during the year are the following :

N. Y. Daily Tribune, 1856-57, 4 vols., bound, from Mr. Edmund Taber; N. Y. Daily Tribune, 1861-65, 10 vols., bound, and the Boston Evening Transcript, 1861-67, 12 vols., bound, from Rev. Henry M. Dexter; a valuable collection of volumes and pamphlets, from Geo. Howland, Jr.; Diplomatic Review, bound, 7 vols., from Mr. C. D. Collet; Transactions of the American Society of Civil Engineers, in numbers, as published, from Mr. Wm. H. Farrington, N. Y.; a large collection of miscellaneous pamphlets, from Dr. Geo. T. Hough; volumes and pamphlets, some of them ancient, from Prof. Leslie A. Lee, rescued by him from "paper stock;" Reports of the Record Commission, and other documents, from the city of Boston; a large map of the United States, an atlas of Colorado, and one hundred and nine volumes of Congressional documents from the United States government. The last gift makes our set of documents from the 28th to the 47th Congress nearly complete.

### LIBRARY BUILDING.

It must be evident to all who have given the subject any thought, that the library has outgrown its present habita-

tion, and that there is now an imperative demand for more room.

The Library Building should be remodeled and enlarged at once, to meet, not only a present necessity, but a future growth.

Feeling deeply the importance of larger and better accommodations for the library, we have had plans prepared for the enlargement of the Library Building, with an estimate of the cost of the improvement suggested, which will be submitted to the next city government, with an earnest request that immediate action be taken.

In the appendix will be found a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures, a full statement of the present condition of the several trust funds, with a list of donations received during the year.

# APPENDIX.

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 1882.

### STATEMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

1882.			
Jan. 1st.	Cash on hand,	\$207.52	
	Receipts from books lost,	2.53	
	Paper stock,	5.50	
	Fines,	204.50	\$420.05
	Paid for books,	\$7.60	
	Expressage, freight, jobbing,	46.46	
	Stationery,	11.20	
	P. O. box and postage,	21.76	
	Binding and paper cutting,	16.45	
	Almy & Hitch, linoleum and labor,	115.00	
	Repairing chairs,	12.45	
	Incidentals,	31.28	
1883.	Jan. 1st. Balance in hands of Librarian,	157.85	\$420.05

### FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1882.			
Jan. 1st.	Annual appropriation,	\$3,800.00	
	By transfer,	55.19	\$3,855.19
	Bills approved January,	\$288.73	
	February,	278.73	
	March,	299.98	
	April,	304.23	
	May,	457.43	
	June,	325.68	
	July,	292.65	
	August,	299.65	

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September,	\$348.07	
October,	288.15	
November,	281.65	
December,	390.24	\$3,855.19

TRUST FUND ACCOUNT.

1882.

Jan. 1st. Balance on hand:		
Sylvia Ann Howland Fund,		\$12,385.98
George Howland, Jr., Fund,		206.13
Charles W. Morgan Fund,		137.17
James B. Congdon Fund,		147.42
Oliver Crocker Fund,		184.50
Dog Fund,		673.67
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		\$13,734.87

SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND.

1882.

Jan. 1st. Unexpended balance of income,	
June 1st. Six months' interest,	
Dec. 31st. Six months' interest,	

Bills approved, (for books, periodicals and binding,) viz. :

January audit,	\$147.22	
February "	132.31	
March "	369.51	
April "	222.77	
May "	221.46	
June "	254.59	
July "	207.03	
August "	134.45	
September "	140.17	
October "	295.27	
November "	227.51	
December "	468.83	\$2,821.12

The detailed statement of the expenditures from the income of this fund is as follows:

New England Subscription Agency,	\$418.97
Soule & Bugbee,	16.50
John H. Thompson,	3.00
John Allyn,	348.50
Scribner, Wellford,	4.31

E. B. Treet,	\$12.00
T. H. Morrill,	18.63
Massachusetts Historical Society,	6.00
Joel Munsell's Sons,	45.68
Newport Historical Society,	2.00
Boston Atheneum,	20.00
George Johnston,	3.33
D. Appleton & Co.,	3.00
W. F. Draper,	2.70
Bigelow Bros.,	8.00
Isaac Sharples,	1.00
New England Historical Genealogical Society,	2.25
Q. P. Index,	7.00
C. H. Evans & Co.,	2.00
American Journal of Mathematics,	10.00
Q. F. Collins,	52.70
Lockwood, Brooks & Co.,	8.75
Carl Schoenhof,	51.28
D. T. V. Huntoon,	1.50
Boston Society of Natural History,	6.50
Mining Record,	4.00
F. Leypoldt,	9.00
James Ricker,	5.24
George E. Littlefield,	127.28
S. Hutchinson,	406.17
James M. Lawton, Jr.,	415.94
Little, Brown & Co.,	99.54
Edwin Dews,	58.50
Cooperative News Co.,	2.25
George Barre,	10.00
Charles Scribner's Sons,	10.00
James R. Osgood & Co.,	6.25
J. W. Bouton,	47.92
E. P. Raymond,	3.00
Charles L. Woodward,	86.09
Robert Clarke & Co.,	5.00
Essex Institute,	4.50
John D. Parsons, Jr.,	18.00
Estes & Lauriat,	5.50
William L. Gage,	4.00
James H. Lamb,	6.00
Ira Remson,	3.00
C. W. Butterfield,	3.50
Noyes F. Palmer,	3.50
David G. Francis,	5.40
George D. Morse,	12.85

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Mercury Publishing Co.,	\$6.00	
A. H. Roffe & Co.,	2.00	
A. Williams & Co.,	3.50	
Sampson, Davenport & Co.,	8.00	
B. L. Gildersleeve,	3.00	
Solomon Clark,	2.16	
John Lovell & Son,	3.00	
H. P. Hubbard,	8.50	
Henry Barnard,	70.00	
D. J. Kane & Bro.,	28.20	
O. H. Oldroyd,	3.75	
United States Patent Office,	31.20	
American Academy of Arts and Sciences,	25.00	
M. Charpentier, (Paris,)	101.40	
Dawson Bros.,	25.25	
D. G. Britton, M. D.,	3.00	
S. R. Burlingame,	3.00	
Jas. H. Hathaway, treasurer, (paid for periodicals,)	76.13	\$2,821.12

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., FUND.

1882.

Jan. 1st. Unexpended balance of income,	\$206.13	
One year's interest,	96.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$302.13

CHARLES W. MORGAN FUND.

1882.

Jan. 1st. Unexpended balance of income,	\$137.17	
One year's interest,	60.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$197.17

OLIVER CROCKER FUND.

1882.

Jan. 1st. Unexpended balance of income,	\$184.50	
One year's interest,	60.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$244.50

JAMES B. CONGDON FUND.

1882.

Jan. 1st. Unexpended balance of income,	\$147.42	
One year's interest,	30.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$177.42

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## DOG FUND.

1882.			
Jan. 1st.	Unexpended balance,	\$673.67	
Feb.	Received from County Treasurer,	675.24	\$1,348.91
	James E. Balloch,	\$360.00	
	M. J. Brown,	500.00	860.00
			<u>\$488.91</u>

Total unexpended balance in the control of the Board of Trustees :

1883.			
Jan. 1st.	Sylvia Ann Howland Fund,	\$12,564.86	
	George Howland Jr. Fund,	302.13	
	Charles W. Morgan Fund,	197.17	
	Oliver Crocker Fund,	244.50	
	James B. Congdon Fund,	177.42	
	Dog Fund,	488.91	\$13,974.99

GEORGE H. DUNBAR,

Clerk of the Board of Trustees.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, Jan. 1st, 1883.

## GIFTS, 1882.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
American Antiquarian Society, . . . . .	1	1
American Philosophical Society, . . . . .	3	
American Unitarian Association, . . . . .	1	
Bennett, Thos., Jr., . . . . .		1
Bodley, Rachel L., . . . . .		1
Boston City Government, . . . . .	5	
Boston Public Library, . . . . .		2
Bridgeport Public Library, . . . . .		1
Brookline Public Library, . . . . .	1	1
Brown, Mary E., . . . . .	1	
Brownell, Frank T., . . . . .		1
Bulloch, Andrew, . . . . .	1	1
Butler Hospital for the Insane, . . . . .		1
Butler, Rev. James D., . . . . .		12
Chandler, Wm. H., . . . . .		1
Chase, Henry, . . . . .		1
Chicago Legal News Company, . . . . .	1	
Chicago Public Library, . . . . .		1
Cincinnati Board of Education, . . . . .	1	
City of New Bedford, . . . . .	1	
Cobden Club, . . . . .		7
Collet, C. D., . . . . .	11	1
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, . . . . .	7	
Cornell University, . . . . .	1	
Crowell, Jas. A., . . . . .	4	
Cutter, Abram E., . . . . .		1
Delano, Julia, . . . . .	1	
Dews, Edwin, . . . . .		7
Dexter, Franklin B., . . . . .		4
Dexter, Rev. Henry M., . . . . .	22	
Dimmock, George, . . . . .	1	
Donnell, E. J., . . . . .		2
Dunbar, Geo. H., . . . . .		4
Durfey, Rich. T., . . . . . MS.	1	1
Eclectic Medical College, N. Y., . . . . .		2
Everett, Richard J., . . . . .	1	
Fall River Public Library, . . . . .		2



	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Farrington, Wm. H., . . . . .		16
Flanders, Rev. G. T., . . . . .		1
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt., . . . . .		1
Free Public Library of Rotherham, Eng., . . . . .		2
Friends Free Library, Germantown, Pa., . . . . .		1
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, N. Y., .		1
Green, Samuel A., . . . . .	10	
Hagar, Daniel B., . . . . .	1	
Hartford Library Association, . . . . .		4
Harvard College, . . . . .		1
Harvard College Library, . . . . .		1
Haverhill Public Library, . . . . .	1	
Hibbert, James and Toulmin, Geo., . . . . .		1
Hough, Geo. T., . . . . .		193
Howland, Frank, . . . . .		1
Howland, George, Jr., . . . . .	91	394
Hunnewell, Jas. F., . . . . .		1
Jones, McDuffee & Stratton, . . . . .		1
Koehler, S. R., . . . . .		1
Lancaster Town Library, . . . . .		1
Lawrence Public Library, . . . . .		2
Lee, John S., . . . . .		1
Lee, Leslie A., . . . . . MS.	11	24
Library Company, Philadelphia, . . . . .		3
Littlefield, Geo. E., . . . . .	1	
Long Island College Hospital, . . . . .		1
Long Island Historical Society, . . . . .		2
Lynn Public Library, . . . . .		1
McAllister, W. T., . . . . .		2
McCalla & Stavely, . . . . .		1
McDonalds, T. S., . . . . .	1	
McGovern, John, . . . . .	1	
Mackie, John H., . . . . .	2	
Mass. Soc. for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, . .		1
Mass. State Library, . . . . .		1
Mercantile Library Association, Cincinnati, . . . . .		1
Mercantile Library Association, New York, . . . . .		1
Mercantile Library Association, Philadelphia, . . . .		1
Mercantile Library Association, San Francisco, . . .		1
Mercantile Library Company of Philadelphia, . . . .		1
Merrill, Edward B., . . . . .		1
Miller, James, . . . . .		2
Morley, Frederick, . . . . .	1	
Moulton, L. F., . . . . .		1
Mudge, Alfred & Sons, . . . . .	1	

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	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Nagle, John T., . . . . .		1
New Jersey State Library, . . . . .	1	
New Jersey State Normal School, . . . . .		1
Newton Free Library, . . . . .		1
New York Apprentice's Library, . . . . .	1	
Parsons, John D., Jr., . . . . .	1	
Peabody Education Fund, Trustees, . . . . .	1	
Peabody Institute, Baltimore, . . . . .		1
Peabody Institute, Peabody, . . . . .		1
Peaslee, J. B., . . . . .		1
Peoria Public Library, . . . . .		1
Perkins, Frederick B., . . . . .		1
Perkins Institute for the Blind, . . . . .		1
Poole, Wm. F., . . . . .		1
Pope, Frank L., . . . . .		1
Proctor, Charles H., . . . . . MS.		
Providence Public Library, . . . . .		1
Publishers of the Alta California, . . . . .		1
Rodman, Edmund, . . . . .		1
Russell Library, Middletown, Conn., . . . . .		2
Sheridan, Gen. P. H., . . . . .		1
Smithsonian Institution, . . . . .	1	
Springfield City Library Association, . . . . .		1
St. Louis Mercantile Library Association, . . . . .		1
St. Louis Public School Library, . . . . .		3
Staples, S. E., . . . . .	newsp.	2
State Lunatic Hospital, . . . . .		1
Swansea Public Library, Swansea, Wales, . . . . .		1
Taber, Edmund, . . . . .	4	
Taber, Robert B., . . . . .		1
Taunton Public Library, . . . . .		1
Terry, Isaac, . . . . .		1
Thomson, John H., . . . . .	2	8
Topham, Wm. B., . . . . .		1
Tucker, John F., . . . . .		1
Tyler, Arthur W., . . . . .		1
United States:		
— Bureau of Education, . . . . .		4
— Coast Survey, . . . . .	2	
— Department of Interior, . . . . .	28	63
— Department of State, . . . . .	109	
— National Board of Health, . . . . .		1
— Patent Office, . . . . .	2	2
— Treasury Department, . . . . .	1	
— War Department, . . . . . Map.	10	2

	Volumes. Pamphlets.	
Waterman, Wm. H., . . . . .	I	
Wellington & Burrage, . . . . .		I
Westminster College, . . . . .		I
Willcox, David B., . . . . .	I	
Wiley, Henry, . . . . .		3
Wilmington Institute, Del., . . . . .		I
Wilson, George, . . . . .	I	I
Wilson, Joseph T., . . . . .		I
Woburn Public Library, . . . . .		I
Worcester Free Institute, . . . . .		I
Worcester Free Library, . . . . .		I
Young Men's Association, Buffalo, . . . . .		I

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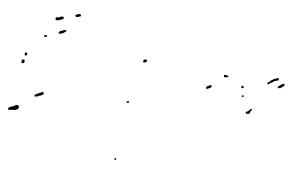
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EDWIN DEWS,	Term expires April, 1885.
ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.,	Term expires April, 1886.
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# REPORT.

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*To the City Council of the City of New Bedford:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Trustees of the Free Public Library respectfully present to you this the thirty-second annual Report of that institution.

From the records of the Librarian, it appears that the whole number of books taken during the year is seventy-two thousand two hundred and twenty-two.

Daily average of volumes delivered, two hundred and thirty-seven.

Total number of cards issued, twenty thousand one hundred and sixty-four; increase over last year, six hundred and eighty-five.

Books added during the year by purchase, one thousand one hundred and ninety-five volumes; by gift, two hundred and forty-one volumes and one hundred and forty-four pamphlets.

Number of newspapers on the stand, thirteen.

Number of periodicals received, one hundred and seventy-six.

Total number of books in the library, forty-six thousand four hundred and thirty-six.

Volumes worn out and rejected, one hundred and fifty-one.

Volumes bound, two hundred and fifty.

Volumes rebound, one thousand and seventy-seven.

Postals sent for books overdue, one hundred and two.



These statistics show an increase over the circulation of last year. It gives us pleasure also to record an increase in the number of visitors to the reading-room, and a much greater demand for books of reference. With the latter the library is well supplied. We have all the works referred to in Mr. Green's "Library aids," we have bibliographies, ancient and modern; catalogues, including those of the Boston Athenæum and Brooklyn library; Q. P. indexes, publishers' circulars, all the recently published "aids to readers," and the condition of our finances is such that we can add others, as needed, but it is impossible for students to use these to advantage, or for the public to get the help from the library that they have a right to demand, as long as we are limited to our present accommodations for books and readers.

We have now no room to place the drawers for a card catalogue, no wall room for bulletin boards, not even desk room enough to work at conveniently; and the new books, when they are in preparation for delivery, have to be placed in front of books already located, the rightful occupants of the shelves being for a time shoved to the wall.

When in 1857 we moved from Union street to the present building, we found that the shelf room provided would scarcely hold our 10,000 volumes, leaving very little room for further accessions. We have since shelved the space left vacant on the library walls, placed presses in the middle of the alcoves, shelved the front room and the west room, finished off the cockloft for the accommodation of state documents and pamphlets, and the upper front room for our United States documents. We have now used all the space available for shelving and filled nearly all the shelves with books. The larger portion of the space now vacant is prospectively filled by the yearly continuation of periodicals already located, and cannot be used for other books.

An extension of the present building to the north and west will give room enough for some years to come, and it can be made without requiring any change in the present position of the books, and without rendering it necessary to close the library to the public except for the short time in which connection is being made between the two buildings. In the meantime, the work on a card catalogue can go on, and the books be renumbered according to some one of the recently devised systems, preparatory to removal in a new building, or to a reorganization of the library in the present one.

#### GIFTS.

The list of donors will be found, as usual, in the Appendix. To all those who have kindly remembered us, we would return our thanks. To Mr. William F. Poole we are particularly indebted for a copy of the new edition of his *Index to Periodical Literature*. From Mr. William H. Farrington we have continued to receive the *Transactions of the American Society of Civil Engineers* as issued, together with valuable pamphlets. Mr. C. D. Collet has sent us bound volumes of the "Diplomatic Review Pamphlets;" Wm. W. Crapo, Esq., the published volumes of the "War of the Rebellion," and twenty-seven volumes of the "Congressional Record;" Wm. Gordon, Jr., Esq., twenty-five volumes of *Journals of the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives*; Rev. James D. Butler, MS. volumes of the *Records of the New Bedford Pastoral Union*, and many pamphlets; E. Norman Leslie, the *History of Skaneateles*; and Dr. Samuel A. Green, valuable historical pamphlets.

To the American Antiquarian Society and to the American Philosophical Society, we are indebted for their several proceedings. The General Society of Mechanics and

Tradesmen have given us a copy of their Annuals in quarto, edited by Thomas Earle and Charles T. Congdon. From the New Jersey State Library we have received the set of Documents relating to the Colonial History of New Jersey, and from the city of Boston the Reports of the Record Commissioners. These reports now number twelve volumes. They are issued in an inexpensive form, similar to that of our own municipal documents.

It would be well for our city government to publish in like manner the records of the old town of Dartmouth to 1787. These records up to that date are our records. With the exception of a few early marriages and deaths published in the Genealogical Register they exist only in MS., and are liable at any moment to be irrevocably lost. The expense of publication would be small, and could no doubt be wholly covered by the sale of copies. The towns that formerly made a part of the territory of old Dartmouth would no doubt be glad to contribute to the cost and receive a proportionate number of copies in return. A portion of the edition, if taken by the library, could be used in exchange for works of like character, many of which are privately printed and difficult to procure in the ordinary channels of trade.

The financial statement is given in the appendix.

Submitted in behalf of the Trustees.

GEORGE WILSON,  
President of the Board.

# APPENDIX.

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 1883.

### STATEMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

1883.			
Jan. 1.	Cash on hand,	\$157.85	
	Receipts for books lost,	.75	
	Paper stock,	4.03	
	Fines,	177.28	\$339.91
	 Paid for books,	 \$39.00	
	Expressage, freight, jobbing,	51.52	
	Stationery,	4.67	
	Printing and advertising,	4.90	
	P. O. box and postage,	17.08	
	Binding and paper-cutting,	5.55	
	Repairing furniture, curtains, etc.,	25.34	
	Incidentals,	72.55	
1884, Jan. 1.	Balance in hands of Librarian,	119.30	\$339.91

### FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1883.			
Jan. 1.	Annual appropriation,		\$3,800.00
	Bills approved January,	\$289.60	
	February,	286.40	
	March,	342.30	
	April,	293.15	
	May,	335.52	
	June,	311.98	
	July,	306.93	
	August,	311.73	
	September,	328.73	
	October,	316.48	
	November,	289.23	
	December,	311.98	\$3,724.03
	Transfer to special appropriation,		75.97
			\$3,800.00

## TRUST FUND ACCOUNT.

1883.		
Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	\$12,564.86
	George Howland Jr. fund,	302.13
	Charles W. Morgan fund,	197.17
	Oliver Crocker fund,	244.50
	James B. Congdon fund,	177.42
	Dog fund,	488.91
		\$13,974.99

## SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND.

1883.		
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$12,564.86
July 1.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00
Dec. 31.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00
		\$15,564.86

Bills approved for books, periodicals and binding, viz. :

January audit,	\$302.82
February,	284.64
March,	533.60
April,	241.08
May,	75.43
June,	297.24
July,	182.48
August,	239.26
September,	202.26
October,	193.35
November,	293.40
December,	325.90
	\$3,171.46

The detailed statement of the expenditures from the income of this fund is as follows :

Academy of Natural Science,	\$10.00
Allyn, John,	353.88
American Chemical Journal,	3.00
American Journal of Mathematics,	5.00
Almy, Milne & Co.,	3.00
Anthony, E. & Sons,	6.00
Baird, Henry C. & Co.,	61.60
Boston Society of Natural History,	3.00
Bouton, J. W.,	73.45
Brinton, D. G., M. D.,	6.00
Cambridge Entomological Club,	5.00
Cassino, S. E. & Co.,	2.50
Chapman, H. L.,	5.00
Clarke, Robert & Co.,	123.38

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Collins, Q. F. & Co.,	150.75
Cooperative Newspaper Society,	4.75
Dawson, Henry B.,	190.80
Dewess, W. W.,	1.00
Dews, Edwin,	303.88
Essex Institute,	4.50
Fitch, J. F.,	2.50
Francis, David G.,	67.97
Graffam, I. W.,	3.75
Hathaway, James H., treasurer, paid for periodicals,	76.23
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	5.00
Hutchinson, S.,	467.85
Inman, H. S.,	26.00
Journal of Speculative Philosophy,	3.00
Kane, D. J. & Bro.,	96.05
King, Moses,	2.50
Lamb, J. H., agent,	6.00
Lawton, J. M., Jr.,	484.61
Lewis, J. W. & Co.,	12.50
Leypoldt, F.,	13.20
Linnean Society of New York,	3.00
Littell & Co.,	8.00
Little, Brown & Co.,	28.95
Littlefield, George E.,	73.95
Lockwood, Brooks & Co.,	8.75
McDonald, Joseph,	25.90
Massachusetts Historical Society,	3.00
Mercury Publishing Co.,	6.00
Miller, S. A.,	3.00
Mining Record,	4.00
Morgan, Henry J.,	6.00
Morrill, T. H.,	11.92
Morrison, L. A.,	3.38
Munsell, Joel's Sons,	8.15
Murray, M.,	3.00
Nagle, R.,	44.00
Narragansett Historical Pub. Co.,	4.00
Newport Historical Pub. Co.,	2.00
Noyes, Henry D. & Co.,	37.80
Osgood, J. R. & Co.,	21.00
Palmer, Noyes F.,	1.00
Pangborn, J. G.,	5.00
Parsons John D., Jr.,	13.00
Q. P Index,	3.00
Raymond, E. P.,	3.00

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Review Publishing Co.,	5.00	
Roffe, A. H. & Co.,	124.86	
Sanborn, F. B.,	7.00	
Schoenhof, Carl,	35.30	
Talcott, S. V.	5.00	
Taylor, Walter P.,	4.00	
Van Antwerp, D. L.,	5.00	
Webster Historical Society,	1.15	
Williams, A. & Co.,	7.00	
Woodward, C. L.	51.30	
Zahn, S. H. & Co.,	7.90	\$3,171.46

## GEORGE HOWLAND JR. FUND.

1883.		
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$302.13
	One year's interest,	96.00
		\$398.13

## CHARLES W. MORGAN FUND.

1883.		
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$197.17
	One year's interest,	60.00
		\$257.17

## OLIVER CROCKER FUND.

1883.		
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$244.50
	One year's interest,	60.00
		\$304.50

## JAMES B. CONGDON FUND.

1883.		
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$177.42
	One year's interest,	30.00
		\$207.42

## DOG FUND.

1883.		
Jan.	Unexpended balance,	\$488.91
Feb.	Received from County Treasurer,	647.39
		\$1,136.30
	Paid James E. Balloch,	\$480.00
	M. J. Brown,	500.00
		980.00
		<u>\$156.30</u>

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**Total unexpended balance in the control of the Board of Trustees:**

**1884.**

<b>Jan. 1.</b>	<b>Sylvia Ann Howland fund,</b>	<b>\$12,393.40</b>	
	<b>George Howland Jr. fund,</b>	<b>398.13</b>	
	<b>Charles W. Morgan fund,</b>	<b>257.17</b>	
	<b>Oliver Crocker fund,</b>	<b>304.50</b>	
	<b>James B. Congdon fund,</b>	<b>207.42</b>	
	<b>Dog fund,</b>	<b>156.30</b>	<b>\$13,716.92 .</b>

**GEORGE H. DUNBAR,**

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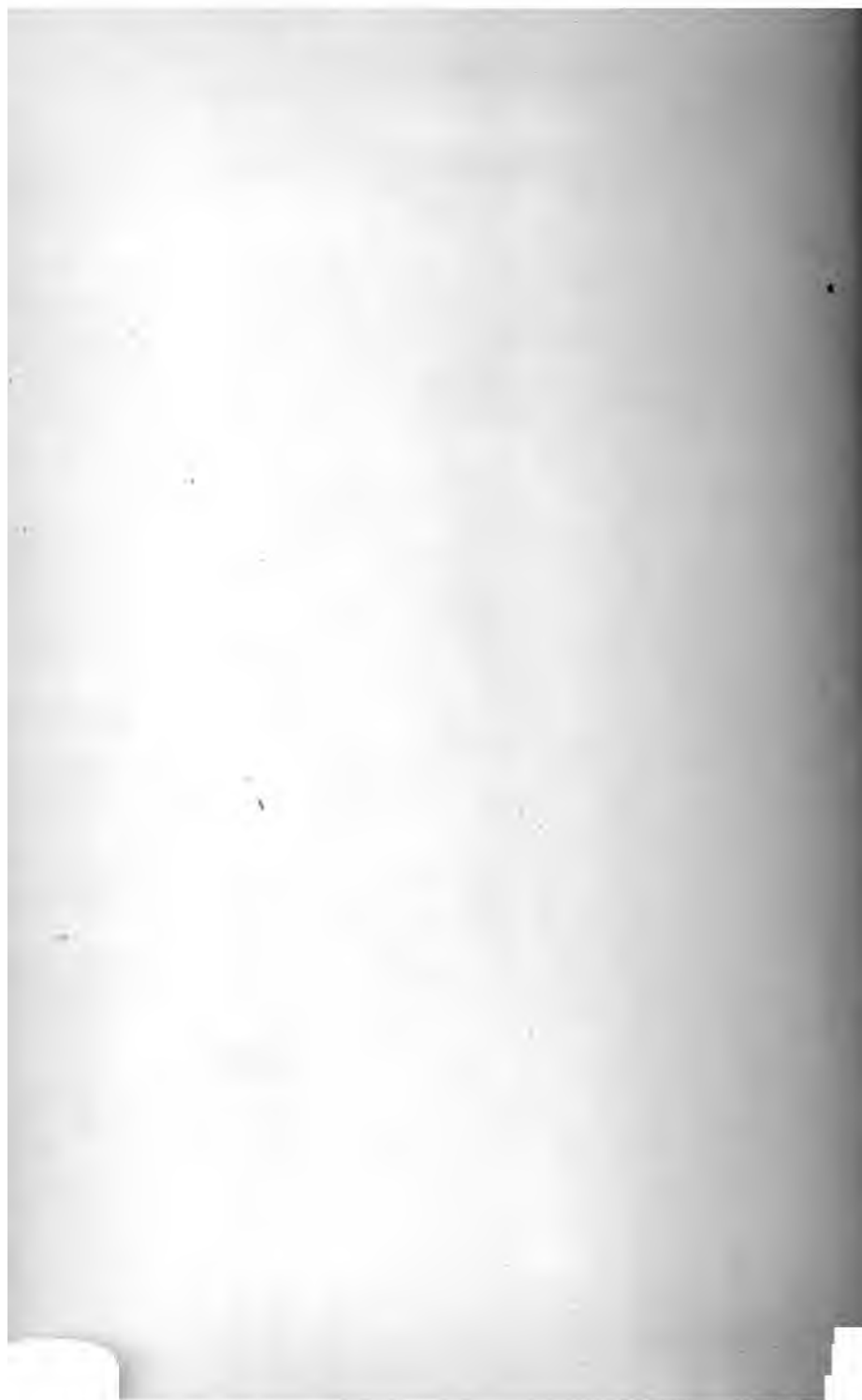
## GIFTS, 1883.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Adams, Francis C., .....	1	
Allen, Frederick S., .....	MSS.	
Allyn, John, .....		8
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, .....		3
American Humane Association, .....	1	
American Philosophical Society, .....		2
Ames Free Library, North Easton, Mass., .....	2	
Apprentices' Library Company, Philadelphia, .....		1
Apprentices' Library, New York, .....		1
Baird, Henry C., .....		1
Bodley, Rachel L., .....		1
Boston City Government, .....	3	
Boston Public Library, .....		4
Bradlee, C. D., .....		2
Bridgeport Public Library, .....		1
Brookline Public Library, .....		1
Brooklyn Library, .....		2
Buckminster, Joseph, .....	1	
Bulmer, John T., .....	1	
Burchard, Horatio C., .....		3
Butler, James D., .....	4	6
Butler Hospital for Insane, .....		1
Cambridge Entomological Club, .....		1
Chicago Public Library, .....		1
Chilovi, D., Florence, Italy, .....	Magazine.	
Cincinnati Public Library, .....		5
Clarke, Robert & Co., .....	2	
Clarke Institution for Deaf Mutes, .....		2
Clouston, W. A., .....	1	
Cobden Club, .....	1	
Collet, C. D., .....	5	
Congdon, Charles T., .....	1	
Cooper, Peter, .....	1	
Crapo, William W., .....	36	2

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Crunden, Frederick M., .....		1
Cuttler, Abram E., .....		1
Dexter, Franklin B., .....		3
Dunbar, George H., .....	2	3
Durfee, William, .....		1
Earle, L. C., .....	1	
Earle, Pliny, .....		1
Eaton, John, .....		1
Eclectic Medical College, New York, .....		1
Fall River Public Library, .....	1	1
Farrington, W. H., .....		11
Fletcher Free Library, .....		1
Friends' Free Library, Germantown, .....		1
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, N. Y.,	1	1
Gilman, Mrs. Francis L., .....	29	4
Gordon, William, Jr., .....	25	
Green, Samuel A., .....	3	1
Griffin, A. P. C., .....		1
Hahnemann Club, Philadelphia, .....		1
Hartford Library Association, .....		2
Harvard College, .....		4
Hathaway, Abram G., .....	1	
Hathaway, James H., .....	1	
Hazard, Thomas R., .....	1	
Hough, George T., .....	27	4
Howland, George, Jr., .....		1
Hutchinson, S., .....	1	
International Tract and Missionary Society of Seventh-day Adventists, .....	10	
Lancaster Public Library, Mass., .....		1
Langdon, Loomis L., .....		1
Lee, Leslie A., .....	2	
Leonard, Elisha, .....		1
Leslie, Norman E., .....	1	
Library Company Philadelphia, .....		2
Littlefield, George E., .....		4
Lowell City Library, .....		1
Lynn Public Library, .....		1
Massachusetts State Library, .....		1
Mercantile Library Company, Philadelphia, .....		1
Mercury Publishing Company, .....		1
Mitchell, D. L., .....		2
Myer, Albert J., .....	1	
New Bedford City Government, .....	2	

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
New Jersey State Library, .....	3	
Newton Free Library, .....		1
New York Mercantile Library Association, .....		3
Nye, Gideon, Jr., .....		1
Our Continent Publishing Company, .....	1	
Peabody Institute, Baltimore, .....		1
Peabody Institute, Peabody, .....		1
Peaslee, John B., .....	2	
Perkins Institution for the Blind, .....		1
Philadelphia Mercantile Library Company, .....	1	1
Piffard, H. G., and Morrow, P. A., .....		1
Polytechnic Society of Kentucky, .....		1
Poole, William F., .....	1	
Potts, Edward, .....		2
Proprietors of Friends' Bookstore, Philadelphia, ..		2
Providence Public Library, .....	1	1
Public School Library, Cleveland, Ohio, .....		1
Publishers of the Alta California, .....		1
Publishers of the Boston Advertiser, ..Newspaper.		
Quint, Rev. Alonzo H., D. D., .....	1	
Roberts, Rev. O. A., .....		1
Rodman, Edmund, .....		1
Rosse, Irving C., .....		1
Rugg, C. P., .....	1	
San Francisco Mercantile Library Association, ...		1
Sims, William, .....	1	
Slocum, Charles E., .....	1	
Smithmeyer, J. L., .....		1
Smithsonian Institution, .....	1	2
Snow, Rev. Charles A., .....		3
Spofford, A. R., .....		1
Springfield City Library Association, .....	1	
Staples, Samuel E., .....		3
State Lunatic Hospital, Northampton, .....		1
Stearns, George T., .....		1
Swift, Jireh, .....	MSS.	
Swift, William C., .....		1
Taunton Public Library, .....		1
Thompson, Charles O., .....		1
Thomson, John H., .....	1	
Tillinghast, J. T., .....		1
United States:		
— Bureau of Education, .....		9
— Coast Survey, .....	2	

	Volumes. Pamphlets.	
<b>United States:</b>		
— Department of the Interior,..... Map.	37	
— Department of State,.....	57	
— Patent Office,.....	1	
— Treasury Department,.....	1	
— War Department,.....	6	1
Welsh, Herbert,.....		1
Willey, Henry,.....	1	1
Wilmington Institute, Delaware,.....		1
Wilson, George,.....		16
Woburn Public Library,.....		1
Worcester Free Public Library,.....		1
Wordell, Alfred, Jr.,.....		1
Worth, Benjamin,.....	1	16
Wright, H. G.,.....	1	



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THE MAYOR.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LIBRARY.  
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ROBERT C. INGRAHAM.

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JANITOR.  
CHARLES H. HOWLAND.

# REPORT

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*To the City Council of the City of New Bedford:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Trustees of the Free Public Library, in submitting their thirty-third annual report, feel compelled by the necessities of the case, to iterate and reiterate all they have said in previous reports in regard to the absolute need of more room in the Library building for the accommodation of the books already purchased, without taking into account the future growth of the Library, for which provision should be made.

We venture to assert that there is no money expended by the city which secures to the people at large, one and all, more real benefit, in proportion to the amount expended, than that appropriated for the Free Public Library.

At a meeting of the Trustees, held in December, the Committee of the Library Building were instructed to confer with the Joint Standing Committee of the City Council on City Property in regard to the extension of the Library building north, with a wing on each side, as suggested in our report of last year.

The Committees met, and after a full, free and frank discussion, with a plan of the proposed alteration before them, the Committee of the City Council approved of the plan proposed, and will make a favorable report to your

Honorable Body, with a recommendation that the subject be referred to the next City Council, with a request that they will give it, at an early date, that attention which its importance demands.

### STATISTICS.

Whole number of books taken during the year is seventy-three thousand and seventy-nine.

Daily average of volumes delivered, two hundred and thirty-eight.

Total number of cards issued, twenty thousand eight hundred and eighty-two; increase over last year, seven hundred and sixteen.

Books added during the year by purchase, one thousand six hundred and twenty-five volumes; by gift, four hundred and forty-one volumes, and eight hundred and twenty-one pamphlets.

Number of newspapers on the stand, thirteen.

Number of periodicals received, one hundred and eighty.

Number of books in the Library, about forty-eight thousand and six hundred. Six per cent. of these are fiction and juveniles.

Volumes worn out and rejected, thirty.

Volumes bound, two hundred and nine.

Volumes rebound, one hundred and two.

Postals sent for books overdue, one hundred and thirty-three.

### CATALOGUES.

We have had the several catalogues bound in sets for more convenient use in the Library. Each set contains the catalogue of 1858, the First Supplement, 1869— with

- the exception of the appendix of fiction—and the Supplement of 1876. The fiction list from the Second Supplement has been bound with the Bulletin of fiction published in 1874. Lists in manuscripts of the fiction since added and copies of Mr. Leypoldt's Reading Diary, with shelf numbers inserted, have been placed upon the table.

The titles of the Bulletins, including those of the 16th, just published, have been pasted separately on cards and arranged in one alphabet.

These, with a subject catalogue, on slips of the addition since 1874, can be seen on application at the desk.

#### USE OF BOOKS.

As a rule the books are used with as much care as we could expect, considering the freedom with which they are circulated. But in some cases—and these seem to be on the increase—they are returned soiled, badly pencil-marked and otherwise disfigured, and we regret to state, some of them with maps and plates abstracted. We trust that by calling attention to this matter a reformation may be brought about among the offenders without rendering it necessary to enforce the State law for the protection of libraries. A copy of this law is printed on the label, which is put upon the cover of each book.

The assistance of parents and teachers in enforcing upon youthful readers the necessity of proper care in handling books is respectfully solicited.

#### GIFTS.

Of serials we have continued to receive the Transactions of the American Society of Civil Engineers from Mr. William H. Farrington; the Proceedings of the American

Antiquarian Society and the American Philosophical Society from the respective societies; the Christian Register and the Unitarian Review, from the American Unitarian Association; the Manifesto, from the United [Shaker] Societies; the Advocate of Peace, from the American Peace Society, and the Bulletin Mensuel de la Société Nationale d'Acclimatation, from Mr. Gideon Nye of Canton, China. Valuable lots of pamphlets have come to us from Messrs. E. Anthony & Sons, Mr. Benjamin F. H. Reed, Rev. James D. Butler, Edward Merrill, Esq., and Hon. W. W. Crapo. From Mr. Crapo we have also received a number of local maps and plans, log books of whaling vessels, etc.

The Royal Society of Canada has sent us a copy of their Proceedings and Transactions for 1882-3, a large quarto volume.

Dr. Simeon Palmer has added to our newspapers eighteen volumes of the New York Daily Tribune, and from the Georgia Historical Society we have received interesting historical tracts.

The Trustees will gladly receive contributions of books, newspapers and pamphlets, especially those that illustrate the history of this vicinity.

Submitted in behalf of the Trustees.

GEORGE WILSON,  
President of the Board.

## APPENDIX.

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 1884.

#### STATEMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

1884.			
Jan. 1.	Cash on hand,	\$119.30	
	Receipts for books lost,	4.59	
	Paper stock,	.25	
	Fines,	281.96	\$406.10
	Paid for books,	40.89	
	Expressage, freight, jobbing,	24.20	
	Stationery,	21.53	
	P. O. box and postage,	19.51	
	Binding and paper cutting,	8.20	
	Repairing furniture and furniture,	25.10	
	Incidentals,	27.91	
1885, Jan. 1.	Balance in hands of Librarian,	238.76	406.10

#### FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1884.			
Jan. 1.	Bills approved January,	\$325.48	
	February,	292.23	
	March,	351.48	
	April,	289.48	
	May,	341.42	
	June,	307.48	
	July,	360.06	
	August,	418.06	
	September,	386.33	
	October,	348.46	
	November,	367.11	
	December,	375.67	\$4,163.26



## TRUSTEES' REPORT.

Jan. 1.		
Annual appropriation,	\$3,800.00	
Transferred from unappropriated funds,	351.26	
Received from Trustees' account,	12.00	\$4,163.26

## TRUST FUND ACCOUNT.

1884.		
Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	\$12,393.40
	George Howland fund,	398.13
	Charles W. Morgan fund,	257.17
	Oliver Crocker fund,	304.50
	James B. Congdon fund,	207.42
	Dog fund,	156.30
		\$13,716.92

## SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND.

1884.		
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$12,393.40
July 1.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00
Dec. 31.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00
		\$15,393.40

Bills approved for books, periodicals and binding, viz. :

January audit,	\$470.29
February,	93.72
March,	54.78
April,	167.57
May,	382.26
June,	410.88
July,	395.10
August,	113.39
September,	236.48
October,	260.18
November,	362.34
December,	182.57
	\$3,129.56

The detailed statement of the expenditures from the income of this fund is as follows :

Academy of Natural Sciences,	\$5.00
Allyn, John,	270.36
American Chemical Journal,	3.00
American Journal of Mathematics,	5.00
American Journal of Philology,	3.00
Anthony, E. & Sons,	6.00
Barrie, George,	100.00
Beehler, D. E.,	3.00

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Boston Society of Natural History.	3.50
Bouton, J. W.,	26.10
Bowker, R. R.,	20.00
Brinton, D. G.,	3.50
Burns & Son,	7.50
Cassino, S. E. & Co.,	16.00
Clarke, Robert & Co.,	2.50
Dawson, Henry B.,	39.50
Dawson Bros.,	3.00
Denham, Alexander,	8.55
Dews, Edwin,	282.30
Essex Institute,	3.00
Estes & Lauriat,	10.50
Francis, David G.,	77.02
Freeman, F. W.,	5.70
Free Public Library appropriation account,	12.00
Graffam, I. W.,	3.75
Gray, Asa,	5.00
Hazen, Henry A.,	2.00
Hill, Frank P.,	4.00
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	33.00
Hutchinson, S.,	497.13
Johns Hopkins University,	3.00
Judd (Orange) Company.	10.00
Kane, D. J. & Bro.,	34.05
Lamb, J. H., Agent,	25.00
Lawton, J. M., Jr.,	572.24
Lee & Shepard,	15.00
Leypoldt, F.,	15.00
Linnaean Society of New York.	3.00
Little, Brown & Co.,	187.61
Litt efield George E.,	265.84
McDonough, Joseph,	15.84
Mass. Historical Society.	3.00
Mining Record,	4.00
Morgan, Henry J.,	3.00
Morrell, T. II.,	18.30
Morse, George D.,	32.74
Munsell's, Joel, Sons.	7.00
Nagle, Richard.	9.00
Narragansett Hist. Pub. Co.,	2.00
Nash, Edward W.,	10.80
N. E. Mfrs. & Mechanics Institute.	13.33
Newport Hist. Pub. Co.,	2.00

Noyes, Henry D. & Co.,	22.25	
Osgood, J. R. & Co.,	6.00	
Parsons, John D., Jr.,	18.00	
Q. P. Index,	1.00	
Raymond, E. P.,	3.00	
Review Pub. Co.,	5.00	
Rider, Sidney S.,	20.00	
Roffe, A. H. & Co.,	100.00	
Rogers, James M.,	7.00	
Schoenhof, Carl,	52.64	
Scribner's, Charles, Sons,	5.00	
Stedman & Brown,	18.00	
Stickney, Matthew A.,	3.15	
Stone, H. J.,	1.00	
Textile Record,	3.00	
Thomson, Peter G.,	4.45	
Tryon, George W., Jr.,	125.00	
U. S. Patent Office,	31.20	
Van Nostrand, D.,	13.48	
Walker, George H. & Co.,	12.00	
Woodward, C. L.,	85.73	\$3,129.56

## GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., FUND.

1884.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$398.13	
	One year's interest,	96.00	494.13

## CHARLES W. MORGAN FUND.

1884.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$257.17	
	One year's interest,	60.00	\$317.17

## OLIVER CROCKER FUND.

1884.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$304.50	
	One year's interest,	60.00	\$364.50
	J. W. Bouton's bill,	\$120.00	
	George W. Tryon's bill,	41.60	161.60
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			\$202.90

## JAMES B. CONGDON FUND.

1884.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$207.42	
	One year's interest,	30.00	\$237.42

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DOG FUND.

1884.			
Jan.	Unexpended balance,	\$156.30	
Feb.	Received from County Treasurer,	677.49	\$833.79
	Paid James E. Balloch,	\$480.00	
	E. Anthony & Sons,	123.03	603.03
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			\$230.76

Total unexpended balance in the control of the Board of Trustees :

1885.			
Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	\$12,263.84	
	George Howland, Jr., fund,	494.13	
	Charles W. Morgan fund,	317.17	
	Oliver Crocker fund,	202.90	
	James B. Congdon fund,	237.42	
	Dog fund,	230.76	\$13,746.22

GEORGE H. DUNBAR,

Clerk of the Board of Trustees.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, Jan. 1st, 1885.

## GIFTS, 1884.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Adams, Charles Francis, Jr., . . . . .		1
Allen, Mrs. Sarah H., . . . . .	2	
American Antiquarian Society, . . . . .		2
American Philosophical Society, . . . . .	2	
American Sanitarian Association, . . . . .	3	
Ames' Free Library, . . . . .		1
Anthony, E. & Sons, . . . . .		369
Apprentices' Library Company, Philadelphia, . . . . .		1
Baird, Henry Carey, . . . . .		7
Boston City Government, . . . . .	3	
Boston Public Library, . . . . .	1	5
Bostonian Society, . . . . .		1
Bradlee, C. D., . . . . . 9 autographs.		3
Briggs, N. A., . . . . .	1	
Brookline Public Library, . . . . .		1
Brooklyn Library, . . . . .		2
Brown, O. H. P., . . . . .		1
Bushnell, Rev. Samuel C., . . . . . 3 newspapers.		
Butler Hospital for the Insane, . . . . .		1
Butler, Rev. James D., . . . . .	4	13
Chandler, W. H., . . . . .		1
Chicago Public Library, . . . . .		1
Cincinnati Board of Education, . . . . .	2	
Cincinnati Public Library, . . . . .		9
City of New Bedford, . . . . .	72	
Clarke Institution for Deaf Mutes, Northampton, . . . . .		1
Clifford, Charles W., . . . . .		1
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, . . . . .	21	
Cox, William R., . . . . .		3
Crapo, William W., . . . . . 12 maps.	107	97
Crunden, Fred M., . . . . .		1
Cummings, Benj. T., . . . . .		11
Cundall, Isaac N., . . . . .		1
Cutter, Abram E., . . . . .		1
Davis, Hon. Robert T., . . . . . maps.	1	1
Dexter, Franklin B., . . . . .		3
Dinmock, George, . . . . .		1

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Donnell, E. J., . . . . .		1
Dunbar, Ann H., . . . . .	19	3
Dunbar, George H., . . . . . chart.	6	3
Durfey, Richard T., . . . . .	5	4
Earle, Pliny, . . . . .		1
Eclectic Medical College, N. Y., . . . . .		1
Fall River Public Library, . . . . .		1
Farrington, William H., . . . . .		13
Financial Reform Association, . . . . .		2
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt., . . . . .		1
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, N. Y., . . . . .		1
Georgia Historical Society, . . . . .		5
Germantown Friends' Free Library, . . . . .		1
Green, Samuel A., . . . . .		4
Griswold, W. M., . . . . .		1.
Handsworth Public Library Company, Strafford, Eng., . . . . .		1
Harrison, George L., . . . . .	1	
Hartford Library Association, . . . . .		4
Harvard College, . . . . .		5
Hazen, Rev. H. A., . . . . .	1	
Jervey, Rene R., . . . . .	1	
Kingsley, W. W., . . . . .	1	
Knowlton, Hosea M., . . . . .		3
Ladd, Warren, . . . . .		1
Lascell, G. W., . . . . .		1
Lawrence Public Library, . . . . .		1
Lawton, James M., Jr., . . . . .		1
Lee, Leslie A., . . . . .		1
Leeds, Josiah W., . . . . .		1
Leonard, Elisha . . . . .		1
Library Committee, Lancaster, Mass., . . . . .		1
Library Company, Philadelphia, . . . . .		2
Littlefield, George E., . . . . .		4
Lynn Public Library, . . . . .		1
May, George Thomas, . . . . .	1	
Mercantile Library Association, N. Y., . . . . .		3
Mercantile Library Company, Philadelphia, . . . . .		3
Merrill, Edward B., . . . . .	12	51
Middlesex Mechanics Association, Lowell, . . . . .		1
Murdock, J. B., . . . . .		1
National Conference of Repub. and Independents, N. Y., . . . . .		2
New Bedford Book Club, . . . . .	3	
Nye, Gideon, Jr., . . . . .	1	1
Palmer, Dr. Simeon, . . . . .	23	
Peabody Institute, Baltimore, . . . . .		1

Peabody Institute, Peabody, . . . . .			1
Perkins Institution for the Blind, . . . . .			1
Pope, Albert A., . . . . .			1
Public Library, Cleveland, O., . . . . .			2
Raymond, W., . . . . .			1
Reed, Benj. F. H., . . . . . 3 maps.	4		72
Rice, William, . . . . .			1
Roberts, Rev. O. A., . . . . .			1
Robinson, F. W., . . . . .			1
Rodgers Free Library, . . . . .			1
Royal Society of Canada, . . . . .	1		
Russell, Martha, . . . . .	1		
Sawyer Free Library, Gloucester, . . . . .	1		
Smithsonian Institution, . . . . .	1		
Staples, Samuel E., . . . . .			2
Stearns, George T., . . . . .			1
Superintendent Board of Education, Oakland, Cal., .			1
Swansea Public Library, Swansea, Wales, . . . . .			1
Taber, Abraham, . . . . .			1
Taber, Charles, . . . . .			1
Taunton Baptist Association, . . . . .			2
Taunton Public Library, . . . . .	1		1
Thomson, J. H., . . . . .	2		6
Tillinghast, C. B., . . . . .	1		
Tryon, George W., . . . . .			1
United Societies, [Shakers,] . . . . .	1		
United States			
— Bureau of Education, . . . . .	1		13
— Department of the Interior, . . . . .	128		3
— Patent Office, . . . . .	5		
— Treasury Department, . . . . .	3		
— War Department, . . . . .	4		11
Wallis, A., . . . . .			1
Whitaker, Alfred E., . . . . .			1
White, Smith & Co., . . . . .	1		
Wilcox, David B., . . . . .			11
Wiley, H., . . . . .	2		1
Wilmington Institute, . . . . .			1
Wilson, George, . . . . .			1
Winchester, G. F., . . . . .			1
Woburn Public Library, . . . . .			1
Worcester County Free Institute of Industrial Science,			1
Worcester Free Public Library, . . . . .			1
Young Men's Association, Buffalo, . . . . .			2

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## ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

WILLIAM L. R. GIFFORD.

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SUSIE H. GAMMONS.

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## JANITOR.

YORICK AMES.

# REPORT.

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*To the City Council of the City of New Bedford:*

GENTLEMEN, — In fulfilment of our duty as the Trustees of the Free Public Library, we submit the following Report.

During the past year there have been taken from the library seventy-three thousand three hundred and eighty volumes. The daily average of books delivered has been two hundred and forty-four. The total number of cards issued has amounted to twenty-one thousand five hundred and sixty-three, being an increase over the number of the previous year of six hundred and eighty-one.

The library has been increased by the purchase of two thousand one hundred and fifty-four volumes, and by gifts of two hundred and sixty-eight volumes and seven hundred and forty-four pamphlets.

The number of newspapers on the stand is thirteen.

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During the year seventy-six volumes have been worn out and rejected, one hundred and sixty-six have been bound, and one hundred and fifty-one rebound.

One hundred and ten postals have been sent out for books overdue.

The whole number of books in the library at present is about fifty thousand, of which six per cent. are works of fiction and juvenile publications.

We think it important to the interests of the public that those who enjoy the privileges of the library should exer-

cise due care in the use of the books. A number of volumes delivered during the past year, have been found on their return more or less diffigured,—an experience which is but a repetition of that of former years. It would be a matter of regret that for the carelessness or willfulness of the few, rules should have to be adopted and enforced which might limit the advantages of the library to the many.

We desire further to emphasize the necessity of quiet in the reading-room, that those who are engaged in reading or study may not be unnecessarily disturbed.

The work of building the addition to the library so long desired, has been allowed to interfere as little as possible with the regular use of the library. To this end the northern wall has been boxed in, in order that the work of construction may be continued without interruption to the library. It is hoped that in the coming Spring the whole library will be thrown open to the public. The library will then have a separate entrance on the northeast corner of the building, the delivery room will be in the centre of the new part, and the public will readily see the advantages secured by having the reading-room by itself in the northwest corner, and well lighted by the skylight above. We feel confident that with the addition the room so long desired will be found sufficient, by the close stacking of books, to give opportunity for a large increase to the library.

#### GIFTS.

We have again received from the Royal Society of Canada a volume (the second) of its Proceedings and Transactions.

From their respective publishers we have continued to receive The Unitarian Review, The Christian Register, The

Manifesto, Signs of the Times, Advocate of Peace, and The Folio.

The American Antiquarian Society and the American Philosophical Society have each sent us their Proceedings.

Mr. William H. Farrington has continued to send us the Transactions of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and Mr. Gideon Nye the Bulletin de la Société d'Acclimatation.

Dr. Samuel A. Green has given us many pamphlets relating to local history and genealogy.

Valuable pamphlets, many of them published in this city, have come to us from Mr. Thomas R Rodman and from Dr. George T. Hough.

The usual number of Reports, etc., have been sent to us by thoughtful friends. A full list is given, as usual, in the Appendix.

Submitted in behalf of the Trustees.

MORGAN ROTCH,  
President of the Board.



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Jan. 1.	Cash on hand,	\$238.76	
	Receipts for books lost,	1.40	
	Paper stock,	2.50	
	Fines,	258.60	\$501.26
	Paid for books,	\$21.90	
	Expressage, freight, jobbing,	48.29	
	Stationery,	38.25	
	P. O. box, and postage,	20.39	
	Paper cutting,	.75	
	Repairing furniture,	5.85	
	Incidentals,	83.76	
1886, Jan. 1.	Balance in hands of librarian,	282.07	\$501.26

#### FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1885, Jan. 1.	Bills approved January,	\$529.89	
	February,	394.61	
	March,	574.57	
	April,	390.65	
	May,	353.31	
	June,	379.56	
	July,	355.06	
	August,	369.81	
	September,	412.56	
	October,	364.56	
	November,	384.41	
	December,	393.69	
		\$4,902.68	
	Balance transferred,	97.32	\$5,000.00
1885, Jan. 1.	Annual appropriation,		\$5,000.00

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TRUST FUND ACCOUNT.

1885.		
Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	\$12,263.84
	George Howland Jr. fund,	494.13
	Charles W. Morgan fund,	317.17
	Oliver Crocker fund,	202.90
	James B. Congdon fund,	237.42
	Dog fund,	230.76
		\$13,746.22

SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND FREE PUBLIC LIRRARY FUND.

1885.		
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$12,263.84
July 1.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00
Dec.31.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00
		\$15,263.84

Bills approved for books, periodicals, and binding, viz :

January audit,	\$484.11
February,	444.95
March,	396.33
April,	241.74
May,	206.49
June,	263.35
July,	111.05
August,	122.49
September,	243.08
October,	262.15
November,	221.74
December,	459.15
	\$3,456.63

The detailed statement of the expenditures from the income of this fund is as follows :

Academy of Natural Sciences,	\$5.00
Allyn, John,	265.44
American Chemical Journal,	3.00
Anglim, James & Co.,	6.73
Anthony, E. & Sons,	9.00
Appleton, D. & Co.,	23.00
Bay State Monthly Co.,	7.00
Boston Society of Natural History,	3.00
Bouton, J. W.,	21.60
Bowker, R. R.,	4.50
Brinton, D. G.,	6.00
Casper, C. N.,	5.00
Cassino, S. E. & Co.,	18.00
Champion, H.,	21.75

City Treasurer,	232.00
Clark, A. S.,	9.49
Clarke, Robert & Co.,	6.00
Cooperative Newspaper Society,	2.25
Cushing, William,	5.29
Dews, Edwin,	222.98
Dexter, F. B.,	5.30
Dowd, W. W.,	3.50
Dufossé, E.,	78.10
Essex Institute,	6.00
Estes & Lauriat,	20.00
Farmer, Silas & Co.,	10.00
Francis, David G.,	38.25
Gautier, Mrs. A. C.,	16.00
Gildersleeve B. L.,	3.00
Greenough, W. A. & Co.,	2.00
Harrington, H. F.,	3.57
Hickox, J. H.	2.00
Holt, Henry & Co.,	20.00
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	68.50
Hutchinson, S.,	397.96
Inman, H. S.,	10.00
Johns Hopkins University,	13.00
Kane, D. J. & Bro.,	45.20
Lawton, J. M. Jr.,	490.04
Library Bureau,	4.00
Little, Brown & Co.,	245.91
Littlefield, George E.,	231.68
Lockwood, Brooks & Co.,	8.75
McDonough, Joseph,	15.57
Maker A J	3.00
Mass. Historical Society,	6.00
Mercury Publishing Co.,	9.00
Minnesota Historical Society,	8.50
Morgan, Henry J.,	2.50
Morrell, T. H.,	28.60
Morse, George D.,	12.30
Munsell, Joel's Sons,	11.12
Munsell, W. W. & Co.,	15.00
Narragansett Historical Publishing Co.,	2.00
Nash & Pierce,	38.12
Newport Historical Publishing Co.,	2.00
Noyes, Henry D. & Co.,	43.65
Osgood, J. R. & Co.,	15.00
Packard Bros. & Co.,	6.00

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Parsons, John D., Jr.,	22.50	
Q. P. Index,	2.00	
Randolph, A. D. F. & Co.,	5.00	
Raymond, E. P.	3.00	
Roffe, A. H. & Co.,	194.35	
Russell, J. B.,	5.50	
Salisbury, Edward,	18.00	
Schoenhof, Carl,	246.18	
Scribner, Charles' Sons,	10.00	
Sever, Charles W.,	5.00	
Swank, James M.,	5.00	
Tibbitts & Preston,	2.00	
U. S. Patent Office,	31.20	
Van Nostrand, D.,	10.50	
Waldron, C. D.,	7.00	
Walker, E. W.,	17.50	
Willey, Henry,	23.00	
Woodward, C. L.,	16.25	
Zahm, S. H. & Co.,	14.50	\$3,456.63

GEORGE HOWLAND JR. FUND.

1885.

Jan. 1. Unexpended balance of income,	\$494.13	
One year's interest,	96.00	
	<u>\$590.13</u>	
Little, Brown & Co's bill,	375.60	\$214.53

CHARLES W. MORGAN FUND.

1885.

Jan. 1. Unexpended balance of income,	\$317.17	
One year's interest,	60.00	
	<u>\$377.17</u>	
Little, Brown & Co's bill,	16.00	\$361.17

OLIVER CROCKER FUND.

1885.

Jan. 1. Unexpended balance of income,	\$202.90	
One year's interest,	60.00	
	<u>\$262.90</u>	
George W. Tryon's (Jr.) bill,	40.00	\$222.90

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## JAMES B. CONGDON FUND.

1885.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$237.42	
	One year's interest,	30.00	
		<u>\$267.42</u>	
	Little, Brown & Co's bill,	26.40	\$241.02

## DOG FUND.

1885.			
Jan.	Unexpended balance,	\$230.76	
Feb.	Received from County Treasurer,	694.46	\$925.22
Paid S. H. Cook,			\$75.00
	L. Grinnell & Co.,	75.00	
	C. H. Howland,	344.00	
	J. H. Magnett,	100.00	
	G. P. Richardson,	21.00	615.00
			<u>\$310.22</u>

Total unexpended balance in the control of the Board of Trustees :

1886, Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	\$11,807.21	
	George Howland Jr. fund,	214.53	
	Charles W. Morgan fund,	361.17	
	Oliver Crocker fund,	222.90	
	James B. Congdon fund,	241.02	
	Dog fund,	310.22	\$13,157.05

GEORGE H. DUNBAR,  
Clerk of the Board of Trustees.

## GIFTS, 1885.

	Volumes. Pamphlets.	
American Antiquarian Soc., Worcester, 10 Newsp.		3
American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, ....	4	2
American Unitarian Association, .....	3	
Anthony, E. & Sons, .....	9	
Apprentices' Library, New York, .....		1
Apprentices' Library Company, Philadelphia, .....		1
Barry, W. W., .....	1	
Boardman, J., .....	1	
Boston City Government, .....	2	
Boston Public Library, .....		3
Bostonian Society, .....		1
Bourne, Jonathan, .....	1	
Bowditch, William I., .....		1
Bradlee, Rev. C. D., .....		5
Bradley, C. S., .....	1	
Brooklyn Library, Brooklyn, N. Y., .....		5
Buckminster, Joseph, .....	2	
Butler, James D., .....		21
Butler Hospital for the Insane, .....		1
Cambridge Civil Service Reform Association, .....		1
Cannon, H. W., .....	1	
Chase, Frederick, .....		3
Chicago Public Library, .....		1
Cincinnati Public Library, .....	2	6
City Library Association, Springfield, .....		1
Clarke Institution for Deaf Mutes, Northampton, ..		1
Cobden Club, .....		1
Cogswell, Edward R., .....	1	
Commissioners of the State Bureaus of Labor Sta- tistics, Illinois, .....		1
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, .....	7	
— State Library, .....		1
Conductors of the Diplomatic Review, .....	7	
Cook, Thomas W., .....	17	20
Craig, E. T., .....		2
Crapo, William W., .....	6	

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Crunden, Fred M., .....		1
Cutter, Abram E., .....		1
Dalton, J. G., .....	1	
Davenport Academy of Natural Sciences, .....		1
Dawes, H. L., .....		1
Dexter, Franklin B., .....	1	1
Dunbar, George H., .....	9	21
Durfey, Richard T., .....		1
Essex Institute, Salem, .....		1
Fall River Public Library, .....		1
Farrington, W. H., .....	2	11
Fessenden, C. B. H., .....		3
Fox, Henry J., .....	1	
Francis, Joseph, .....	1	
Fray, John J., .....		1
Friends' Free Library, Germantown, .....		1
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, N.Y., .....		1
Gifford, William L. R., .....	4	23
Gilman, Mrs. Frances, .....	1	1
Green, Dr. Samuel A., .....	16	27
Green, Samuel S., .....		1
Gummere, Amelia Mott, .....	1	
Hamilton, M. R., .....	1	
Harden, William, .....		1
Hartford Library Association, .....		1
Harvard University, .....		4
Hazen, Rev. Henry A., .....	1	
Hingeley, Rev. J. B., .....		Newspapers.
Hough, George T., .....	1	111
Howland, William D., .....		68
Huntoon, Daniel T. V., .....		2
International Tract and Missionary Society, .....	3	
Jones, Augustine, .....	1	
King, Lindsey, .....	2	
Lancaster Library Committee, .....		1
Lawrence, Abbott, .....	2	
Lawrence Free Public Library, .....		1
Lee, Leslie A., .....		1
Legacion Mexicana en Washington, .....		1
Levi Parsons Library, Gloversville and Kingsboro, New York, .....		1
Library Company, Philadelphia, .....		1
Littlefield, George E., .....		2
Lovell, J. W., .....	1	

	Volumes	Pamphlets.
Lynn Public Library, .....	1	1
Maimonides Library, New York City, .....		1
Mercantile Library Company of Philadelphia, .....		2
Mercantile Library of New York, .....		2
Merrill, Edward B., .....		5
Meylert, Asa P., .....		1
Middlesex Mechanics' Association, .....		1
New Bedford Book Club, .....	2	2
New Bedford City Government, .....	47	6
New Bedford Indian Rights Association, .....		1
Newton Free Library, .....		1
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, .....		1
Nye, Gideon, .....		1
Orcutt, C. R., .....		1
Peabody Institute, Baltimore, .....		1
Peaslee, John B., .....	1	2
Peirce, Charles H., .....	2	
Peirce, George W., .....	35	Newspapers.
Perkins, Frederick B., .....		1
Perkins Institute for the Blind, .....		1
Peyton, J. Lewis, .....	1	
Pillsbury, Parker, .....		2
Potter, Southward, 2d, .....	1	
Providence Public Library, .....		1
Public Library, Cleveland, Ohio, .....		1
Publishers of the Advocate of Peace, .....	1	
Publishers of The Folio, .....	1	
Publishers of the Manifesto, .....	1	
Publishers of the Signs of the Times, .....	1	
Redwood Library and Athenæum, .....		2
Rodman, Edmund, .....		1
Rodman, Thomas R., .....	19	284
Rogers Free Library, Bristol, R. I., .....	1	
Royal Society of Canada, .....	1	
St. Louis Public School Library, .....		1
Sims, William, .....	1	
Smithsonian Institution, .....	1	1
Snow, Rev. Charles A., .....		1
Stanton, Irving G., .....		1
State Lunatic Hospital, Northampton, .....		1
Steele, Henry T., .....		1
Sullavou, Emanuel, .....		2
Taber, Mrs. Abraham, .....		1
Taber, Charles, .....		1



	Volumes. Pamphlets.	
Taber, Charles & Co.,.....	4 Engravings.	
Taunton Public Library, .....		1
Topham, William B.,.....	1	
Tryon, George W., Jr.,.....		1
United States :		
— Bureau of Education, .....		8
— Coast Survey,.....	1	
— Department of the Interior, .....	44	25
— Patent Office, .....	1	
— Signal Office, .....		5
— Treasury Department,.....	2	
— War Department, .....	4	
University of Vermont,.....		1
Wanamaker, John,.....		1
Webster, Frank B., .....	1	
Weekes, John A., .....	1	
Whitaker, Alfred E.,.....		1
White, Smith & Co., Publishers,.....	1	
Wicksteed, R. I.,.....		1
Willcox, David B., .....		11
Willey, Henry,.....		2
Woburn Public Library,.....		1
Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania,.....		1
Worcester Free Public Library,.....		1
Young Men's Association, Buffalo,.....		1

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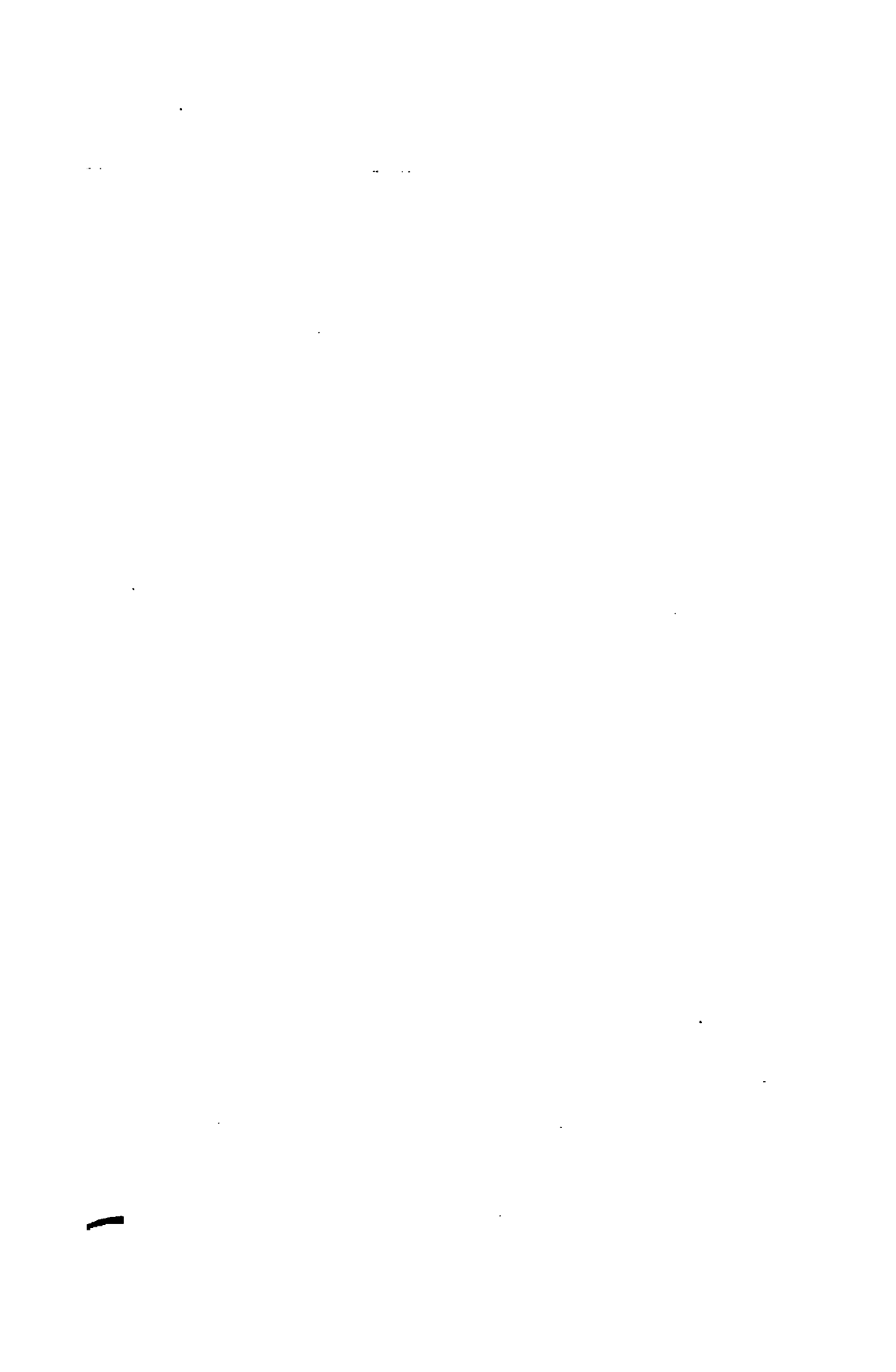
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GEORGE H. DUNBAR,	Term expires April, 1887.
GEORGE HOWLAND, JR.,	Term expires April, 1887.
ISAAC B. TOMPKINS,	Term expires April, 1888.
MATTHEW C. JULIEN,	Term expires April, 1888.
ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.,	Term expires April, 1889.
LEONARD B. ELLIS,	Term expires April, 1889.

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*On Binding and Blanks*—Messrs. A. H. Howland, Jr., and Dunbar.

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GEORGE H. DUNBAR.

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ROBERT C. INGRAHAM.

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## ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

WILLIAM L. R. GIFFORD.

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YORICK W. AMES.

## REPORT.

*To the City Council of the City of New Bedford:*

GENTLEMEN: The trustees of the Free Public Library submit the following report for the past year. The number of book deliveries, stated below, indicates that the public use of the library has been in some measure interfered with by the important changes which have been made during the year. The occupation of the new building involved the necessity of closing the library from June 22d to September 6th, as also for brief periods at other times. An effort was made to reduce the amount of interruption to the narrowest limits possible. But the work of construction and of moving of course prevented access to books for the times stated. We believe, however, that the beauty and convenience of the new building will more than repay the reading public for the temporary interruption, not only because of present advantages, but also for the opportunity which it offers for the increased future usefulness of the library.

During the year the books of fiction have been re-arranged and the numbers changed, so that this demand may be more readily and conveniently met. A new system of general book delivery has also been adopted which it is believed will remedy many of the practical difficulties which have formerly existed. In future the dates of the delivery and of the return of a book will be stamped upon the card of the holder. It will be seen, therefore, that

it is important for readers to preserve these cards with care in order to prevent annoyance to themselves as well as to those in charge of the library. By this new system opportunity is given to furnish far more accurate tables of the statistics of the library than heretofore.

A new catalogue of fiction is now in course of publication, the advantages of which many readers will readily appreciate.

We again feel the necessity, for the sake of the thoughtless portion of the public who make use of this library, to emphasise the importance of care in the use of the books. The disfiguring of publications by marginal notes, and marks of any kind, as well as by their careless treatment, must be seen by any thoughtful person to be a misuse of a public trust.

#### STATISTICS 1886.

The new room was completed and opened to the public September 6th. The new registration began on the 20th. To the present time, January 1, 1887, sixteen hundred and twelve cards have been issued and four thousand four hundred and sixty-five volumes delivered. In this number of volumes no fiction is included, as the books in this department were not ready for delivery.

Prior to June 22d, eighteen thousand six hundred and sixty volumes were delivered for home use. Owing to the noise and confusion attending the work on the building there was a falling off in the number of visitors to the reading room. Many books had to be moved from their former position, and these with the new books which, for want of shelf room, were not located, became in a measure excluded from circulation. Consequently there is a marked decrease in the number of volumes delivered as compared with the number delivered during the same time in 1885.

Although the work had to be carried on under unfavorable conditions, it was thought best to keep the books in circulation until we were absolutely obliged to close, especially as the schools were in session and the books were wanted by the teachers and pupils in their school work.

Two thousand one hundred and thirty-five volumes have been added, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one by purchase, and by gift, three hundred and fourteen volumes and three hundred and ninety-one pamphlets.

Number of newspapers on the table, thirteen; number of periodicals received, one hundred and eighty-five; number of volumes worn out and rejected, two hundred and thirty-eight; number of volumes bound, one hundred and forty-one; number of volumes rebound, two hundred and eighty-three. For books overdue, two hundred and seventy-two postals have been sent out. The whole number of books in the library at present is above fifty thousand, of which less than six per cent. are works of fiction.

#### GIFTS AND EXCHANGES.

In the appendix will be found a list of the gifts. Special mention should be made of a gift of the Vanderbilt House and Collection from Mr. George O. Crocker. Also of the gift, from the society, of the third volume of the Proceedings and Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada.

The serials that we have heretofore received from the American Antiquarian Society, the American Philosophical Society, Harvard College Library, the Boston Public Library, Mr. William H. Farrington and Mr. Gideon Nye, have been continued.

Mr. Thomas W. Cook has supplied us with Massachusetts Documents. Dr. Samuel A. Green and Mr. George E. Littlefield have added to our collection of local history.



Mrs. Susan Taber Thompson and the heirs of William C. Taber have given us collections of books, including publications of the Society of Friends and New Bedford pamphlets.

From the city of Boston we have received the publications of the record commissioners. Two hundred and twenty-six duplicate volumes of United States Documents have been sent to Washington, and others, helping to complete our set of the same, received in return. By another exchange nineteen volumes have been added.

## APPENDIX.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING THE FREE PUBLIC  
LIBRARY FOR 1886.

## STATEMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

1886.

Jan. 1. Cash on hand,	\$282.07	
Amt. of Arber's bill,	40.00	
Catalogues and Bulletins,	2.15	
Fines,	186.36	\$510.58
Paid for books,	\$36.56	
Expressage, freight, jobbing,	28.50	
Stationery,	35.29	
P. O. box, and postage,	22.33	
Binding and paper cutting,	8.35	
Incidentals,	76.75	
Insurance,	237.51	
1887, Jan. 1. Balance in hands of librarian,	65.29	\$510.58

## FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1886, Jan. 1. Bills approved	January,	\$366.81	
	February,	391.68	
	March,	405.31	
	April,	395.56	
	May,	367.81	
	June,	410.96	
	July,	364.56	
	August,	364.56	
	September,	439.06	
	October,	469.71	
	November,	402.75	
	December,	408.34	
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		\$4,787.11	
Balance transferred,		212.89	\$5,000.00
1886, Jan. 1. Annual appropriation,			\$5,000.00

## TRUSTEES' REPORT.

## TRUST FUND ACCOUNT.

1886.		
Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	\$11,807.21
	George Howland, Jr., fund,	214.53
	Charles W. Morgan fund,	361.17
	Oliver Crocker fund,	222.90
	James B. Congdon fund,	241.02
	Dog fund,	310.22
		\$13,157.05

## SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND.

1886.		
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$11,807.21
July 1.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00
Dec. 31.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00
	Amount returned,	4.36
		\$14,811.57

Bills approved for books, periodicals, and binding, viz.:

January audit,	\$380.25
February,	530.56
March,	356.09
April,	285.11
May,	359.78
June,	176.81
July,	291.68
August,	
September,	285.27
October,	187.47
November,	464.62
December,	536.93
	\$3,854.57

The detailed statement of the expenditures from the income of this fund is as follows:

Academy of Natural Sciences,	\$5.00
Allyn, John,	113.59
American Chemical Journal,	3.00
American Journal of Philology,	3.00
Appleton, D. & Co.,	64.80
Arber, Edward,	60.00
Baptist Review Association,	2.50
Bouton, J. W., Agent,	14.40
Bowen, George, Agent,	5.50
Bowker, R. R.,	3.00
Carter, Rice & Co.,	16.50

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Cassino, S. E. & Co.,	86.00
Clarke, Robert & Co.,	7.75
Coöperative Newspaper Society,	3.65
Cupples, Upham & Co.,	4.00
Dawson, H. B.,	6.00
Dews, Edwin,	261.10
Dufossé, E.,	104.00
Ellis, George H.,	2.00
Essex Institute,	3.00
Estes & Lauriat,	5.00
Fleischer Carl F.,	9.70
Fords, Howard & Hulbert,	12.50
Francis, David G.,	65.80
Ginn & Co.,	3.00
Griswold, W M. (Q. P. Index,)	5.50
Harper, F. P.,	11.34
Harvard Monthly,	4.00
Hathaway, J. H., Treasurer,	130.60
Hickox, J. H.,	2.00
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	7.00
Howland Franklyn,	9.00
Hutchinson, S.,	577.10
Inman, H S., Agent,	60.00
Johns Hopkins University,	9.40
Kane, D. J. & Bro.,	63.10
Lawton, J. M., Jr.,	528.09
Lea, J. Henry,	1.97
Lewis, J. W. & Co.,	16.00
Library Bureau,	3.50
Little, Brown & Co.,	569.71
Littlefield, Geo E.,	163.59
Luzerne Légal Register,	7.75
McDonough Joseph,	14.00
Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder,	3.00
Mass. Historical Society,	5.50
Mercury Publishing Co.,	6.00
Morgan, H. J.,	2.50
Morse, Geo. D.,	21.30
Munsell's Sons,	30.11
Narragansett Historical Publishing Co.,	2.00
Nash & Pierce,	34.02
Newport Historical Publishing Co.,	2.00
Noyes, Henry D. & Co.,	22.05
Osgood, E. L., Manager,	13.50
Parsons, John D., Jr.,	18.00

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Polk, R. L. & Co.,	\$5.00	
Rau, J. W., Agent,	6.00	
Raymond, E. P.,	3.00	
Roffe, A. H. & Co.,	203.30	
Sampson, Murdock & Co.,	14.00	
Schoenhof, Carl,	202.32	
Scribner's Sons,	5.00	
Scribner & Welford,	2.31	
Stockbridge, J. C.,	5.75	
Thompson, W. H. & Co.,	36.00	
Treat, E. B.,	25.00	
U. S. Patent Office,	46.80	
Weigel, T. O.,	48.72	
Wilson, E. L.,	12.00	
Woodward, C. L.,	103.15	
Zahn, S. H. & Co.,	7.80	\$3,854.57

## GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., FUND.

1886.		
Jan. 1. Unexpended balance of income,	\$214.53	
One year's interest,	96.00	\$310.53

## CHARLES W. MORGAN FUND.

1886.		
Jan. 1. Unexpended balance of income,	\$361.17	
One year's interest,	60.00	\$421.17

## OLIVER CROCKER FUND.

1886.		
Jan. 1. Unexpended balance of income,	\$222.90	
One year's interest,	60.00	
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	\$282.90	
George W. Tryon, Jr's bill,	40.00	\$242.90

## JAMES B. CONGDON FUND.

1886.		
Jan. 1. Unexpended balance of income,	\$241.02	
One year's interest,	30.00	
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	\$271.02	
Little, Brown & Co's bill,	10.65	\$260.37

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DOG FUND.

1886.			
Jan.	Unexpended balance,	\$310.22	
Feb.	Received from county treasurer,	782.52	
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		\$1,092.74	
	Paid Yorick W. Ames,	490.00	\$602.74

Total unexpended balance in the control of the Board of Trustees :

1887, Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	\$10,957.00	
	George Howland, Jr., fund,	310.53	
	Charles W. Morgan fund,	421.17	
	Oliver Crocker fund,	242.90	
	James B. Congdon fund,	260.37	
	Dog fund,	602.74	\$12,794.71

GEORGE H. DUNBAR,  
Secretary.

## GIFTS, 1886.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Akin, Eben, Jr., Fairhaven, Mass., . . . . .		1
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass., . .		104
American Philosophical Society, Phil., . . . . .	1	2
Baker, Walter, & Co., 158 State street, Boston, Mass.,	1	
Battell, Robbins and Miss Anna, Norfolk, Conn., . .	1	
Bell, W. S., Chicago, Illinois, . . . . .		1
Bostonian Society, Boston, Mass., . . . . .		1
Boston Municipal Government. Record Commission- ers, . . . . .	2	
Boston Public Library, Boston, . . . . .		3
Bowditch, Wm. I., Boston, . . . . .		1
Bradlee, Rev. C. D., Boston, Mass., . . . . .		4
Brookline Public Library, Brookline, Mass., . . . .		1
Brooklyn Library, Brooklyn, N. Y., . . . . .	1	1
Brown, Mary E., City, . . . . .		1
Brownell, T. Frank, New York City, . . . . .		1
Buckminster, Joseph, . . . . .	2	7
Buffalo Library, Buffalo, N. Y., . . . . .		1
Butler Hospital for the Insane, Providence, R. I., . .		1
Butler, Rev. James, City, . . . . .	3	2
Caccia, Susan Rodman, Florence, Italy, . . . . .		1
Cannon, H. W., Washington, D. C., . . . . .	1	
Carney, Wm. H., City, . . . . .	1	
Chase, Fredk., Hanover, N. H., . . . . .		1
Cincinnati Public Library, Cincinnati, Ohio, . . . .	2	10
City Library Association, Springfield, Mass., . . . .		1
Clarke, Robert & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, . . . . .	1	
Commonwealth of Mass., Sec. of Com., Boston, . .	20	1
Commonwealth of Mass., State Library, Boston,		1
Cook, Thomas W., City, . . . . .	11	24
Cox, Wm. R., Washington, . . . . .		1
Crapo, Wm. W., City, . . . . .	5	
Crocker, Geo. O., City, . . . . .	4	
Cutter, Abram E., Charlestown, Mass., . . . . .		1
Davenport Academy of Natural Sciences, Davenport, Iowa, . . . . .		2
Dexter, Frank B., New Haven, Conn., . . . . .	2	3

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	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Dunbar, Geo. H., . . . . . 1 MS.	5	3
Eclectic Medical College, New York, N. Y., . . . . .		1
Eddy, Abram T., City, . . . . .	1	
Emery, Wm. M., Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.,	1	
Essex Institute, Salem, Mass., . . . . .		1
Evans, Fredk. W., Hancock, Mass., . . . . .	3	
Farrington, Wm. H., Murray street, N. Y., . . . . .		13
Fessenden, C. B. H., City, . . 39 Stereoscopic Views	1	3
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt., . . . . .		1
Forbes, Robert B., Boston, Mass., . . . . .	1	2
Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, Pa., . . . . .		1
Friends Free Library, Germantown, Pa., . . . . .		1
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, New York City, . . . . .		1
Georgia Historical Society, Savannah, Ga., . . . . .		1
Gibson, A. M., New York City, . . . . .	1	
Green, Dr. Samuel A., Boston, Mass., . . . . .	3	22
Hamilton, M. R., State Librarian, Newark, N. J., . . .	1	
Hammond, Rev. Wm. B., Rome, N. Y., . . . . .	1	
Harrower, Henry D., New York City, . . . . .		1
Hartford Library Association, Hartford, Conn., . . .		3
Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass., . . . . .	2	3
Hazen, Rev. Henry A., Congregational House, Boston,	1	
Heirs of Wm. C. Taber, City, . . . . .	103	
Hill, Miss L. A., Belmont, Mass., . . . . .		2
Howland, George, Jr., City, . . . . .	1	1
Jones, Augustine, Providence, R. I., . . . . .		1
Knowlton, Hosea M., City, . . . . .		1
Lancaster Library Committee, Lancaster, Mass., . . .		1
Lawton, Jas. M., Jr., City, . . . . .	1	
Lee, Leslie A., Brunswick, Me., . . . . .		2
Library Company, Philadelphia, Pa., . . . . .		2
Little, Geo. T., Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me., . . .	1	1
Littlefield, Geo. E., 67 Cornhill, Boston, . . . . .		16
Lynn Public Library, Lynn, Mass., . . . . .		1
McDonnell Bros., Chicago, Illinois, . . . . .		2
Maimonides Library, New York, . . . . .		2
Mercantile Library, New York City, . . . . .		3
Mercantile Library Company, Philadelphia, Pa., . . .		1
Merrill, Edw. B., 56 Wall street, New York, . . . . .		5
Middlesex Mechanics Association, Lowell, Mass., . . .		1
New Bedford City Government, . . . . .	2	
New England Hist. Gen. Society, Boston, Mass., . . .		1
New Jersey State Government, Trenton, N. J., . . . .	1	



	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Newport Historical Soc., Newport, R. I., . . . . .		1
Newton Free Library, Newton, Mass., . . . . .		1
New York Free Circulating Library, New York City, .		1
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, Northampton, Mass.,		1
Nye, Gideon, Jr., Canton, China, . . . . .	2	1
Ohio State Government, Columbus, Ohio, . . . . .	2	
Omaha Public Library, Omaha, Neb., . . . . .		1
Peabody Institute, Baltimore, . . . . .		
Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass., . . . . .		1
Perkins Institution for the Blind, Boston, Mass., . .		1
Philadelphia Apprentices lib. comp. Philadelphia, Pa.,		1
Providence Public Library, Providence, R. I., . . . .		1
Provident Life and Trust Comp., Philadelphia, Penn.,	1	
Public Library, Chelsea, Mass., . . . . .		1
Public Library, Chicago, Illinois, . . . . .		1
Publishers of the Advocate of Peace, . . . . .	1	
Publishers of the American Lithographer and Printer.	1	
Publishers of the Folio, . . . . .	1	
Publishers of the Manifesto, . . . . .	1	
Publishers of the Signs of the Times, . . . . .	1	
Redwood Library and Athenæum, Newport, R. I., . .		
Regents of Smithsonian Institution, Washington, . .	1	
Richards, Ellen H., Boston, . . . . .	1	
Rodman, Edmund, City, . . . . .		1
Rodman, Thos. R., City, . . . . .		1
Rogers, Henry H., Manufacturing Co., New York, .	1	
Royal Society of Canada, Montreal, Canada, . . . .	1	
St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis, Mo., . . . . .		1
San Francisco Mercantile Library Association, San Francisco, Cal., . . . . .		1
Sauveur, L., Oswego, N. Y., . . . . .		1
Smiley, Rebecca, City, . . . . .	1	
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., . . . .	1	
Snow, Rev. Chas. A., Taunton, Mass., . . . . .		1
Sullings and Kingman, City, . . . . .		1
Swansea Public Library, Swansea, Wales, . . . . .		2
Taunton Public Library, Taunton, Mass., . . . . .		1
Thompson, Susan T., City, . . . . .	1	61
Thomson, John H., . . . . .		2
Tillinghast, Wm. H., Cambridge, Mass., . . . . .		1
Topham, Wm. B., . . . . .		4
Tripp, Sarah W., . . . . .	1	
United States:		
— Bureau of Education, . . . . .	2	3

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	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
— Department of Interior, . . . . .	94	4
— Engineer Department, . . . . .	1	
— Patent Office, . . . . .	3	3
— Treasury Department, . . . . .	3	
— War Department, . . . . . 14 Charts	5	
United States Civil Service Commission, Washington,		1
University of Vt. and State Agricultural College, Bur-		
lington, Vt., . . . . .	1	
Upton, Winslow, Providence, R. I., . . . . .		1
Utica City Library, Utica, N. Y., . . . . .		1
Warren, Gen. Lucius H., Philadelphia, Pa., . . . . .	1	
Watertown Free Public Library, Watertown, Mass.,		1
Wiley, Henry, City, . . . . .	1	4
Williams, J. Fletcher, St. Paul, Minnesota, . . . . .		2
Williamson & Co., Toronto, Canada, . . . . .	1	
Wilmington Institute, Wilmington, Del., . . . . .		1
Wilson, Edw. L., New York City, . . . . .	1	
Woburn Public Library, Woburn, Mass., . . . . .		1
Worcester Free Public Library, Worcester, Mass., .		1
Worth, Benj., City, . . . . .		2
Wright, Carroll D., Boston, Mass., . . . . .	2	

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# REPORT.

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*To the City Council of the City of New Bedford:*

GENTLEMEN, — We deem it unnecessary to repeat from year to year those general facts concerning the state and management of the Free Public Library, which by their very nature are subject to no change. The matters which the members of the City Council and the public would naturally look for in the report of the Trustees of the Library, are rather those changes in the character and the use of the library which take place during the year. The statistics of the library, which are here given, are of this nature.

While it is impracticable at present to give the exact number of books, it may be stated approximately that the total number of volumes in the library is over fifty thousand, and the proportion of works of fiction and juvenile publications is about six per cent., as heretofore.

During the year forty-two thousand six hundred and fifty-seven volumes have been taken from the library, a decrease from the deliveries of last year. This falling off is explained partly by the interruptions which the alterations and repairs in the new building involved, but mainly by the fact that it was found necessary to withhold the delivery of works of fiction while the catalogue was in course of preparation. This bulletin of fiction, which is now, Dec. 31, 1887, nearly completed, can be had when issued by application at the desk. Monthly lists of additions to the library are now regularly published for gratuitous distribution.

Since the new registration began, the total number of



cards issued up to January 1, 1888, was three thousand three hundred and fifty-three, a number which will rapidly be enlarged as the former users of the library apply for the renewal of their privilege.

With the delivery of fiction, which was resumed when the first part, "Authors," of the bulletin was printed, the registration and the call for books of all kinds immediately increased.

The number of newspapers on the stand is now fifteen.

The number of periodicals received is one hundred and sixty-four.

It may be proper here to state that no statistics can be given of the use of the periodicals, because, with the exception of a few that are of interest only to specialists, they are placed on the tables of the reading-room, and no record of their use can be made. In the course of the thirty-six years that the library has been open, two periodicals have been mutilated, and a few pencil-marked. We have lost none.

During the year three hundred and twenty-three volumes have been bound, and one hundred and seventy-nine rebound.

The librarian has sent out one hundred and eighty-one postals for books overdue.

The books that had been waiting for shelves have now been partially arranged. These will be numbered on some one of the movable systems, probably Mr. Dewey's, and the other books of the library will be gradually arranged on the same system. With these books, and with the new purchases, the shelf-room which the new building afforded is being rapidly filled.

There is still reason for repeating the warning against the marking and mutilation of books. While but a small part, if any, of this defacement may be due to malice, readers should remember that marginal notes are a direct

injury to a book in public use. The loaned volume is a trust and not the property of the individual reader, and should be treated accordingly.

It is evident that the advantages of the new reading-room, with better light and greater conveniences than before, are being appreciated by the public. And in conclusion, we would congratulate them, as we do ourselves, on the general prosperity of the library under the changes which the occupancy of the new building involved.

#### GIFTS.

From the Royal Society of Canada we have again received a quarto volume, the fourth, of their Proceedings and Transactions. Collections of volumes and pamphlets have come to us from Messrs. E. Anthony & Sons, Mr. Henry Willey, Mr. Southward Potter, 2d, and Dr. Geo. B. Hough. Edward B. Merrill, Esq., has sent us a large number of New York documents and valuable pamphlets. Mr. Farrington, to his regular yearly contribution, has added fifty-nine volumes on Engineering and Military Science. Harvard University, the Public Libraries of Boston and Cincinnati, and the Apprentices' Library, New York, have supplied us with their respective Bulletins. A list of other individuals whose thoughtful kindness has added to our store, will be found in the Appendix.

## APPENDIX.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING THE  
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 1887.

## STATEMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

1887.			
Jan. 1.	Cash on hand,	\$65.29	
	Paper stock,	4.91	
	Catalogues and bulletins,	21.55	
	Fines,	195.31	\$287.06
	Paid for Expressage, freight and jobbing,	\$44.87	
	P. O. box and postage,	15.49	
	Books,	7.75	
	Binding and paper cutting,	13.62	
	Stationery,	33.33	
	Incidentals,	95.69	
1888, Jan. 1.	Balance in hands of librarian,	76.31	\$287.06

## FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1887, Jan. 1.	Bills approved January,	\$429.81	
	February,	439.23	
	March,	418.06	
	April,	428.01	
	May,	642.31	
	June,	452.61	
	July,	430.01	
	August,	422.31	
	September,	440.54	
	October,	403.06	
	November,	389.06	
	December,	429.84	\$5,324.85
1887, Jan. 1.	Annual appropriation,	\$5,100.00	
	Transfer,	224.85	\$5,324.85

## TRUST FUND ACCOUNT.

1887.

Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	\$10,957.00
	George Howland, Jr., fund,	310.53
	Charles W. Morgan fund,	421.17
	Oliver Crocker fund,	242.90
	James B. Congdon fund	260.37
	Dog fund,	602.74
		\$12,794.71

## SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND.

1887.

Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$10,957.00
July 1.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00
Dec.31.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00
	Amount returned,	2.00
		\$13,959.00

Bills approved for books, periodicals, and binding, viz. :

January audit,	\$240.68
February,	500.20
March,	204.61
April,	290.55
May,	549.72
June,	375.26
July,	308.14
August,	137.77
September,	454.12
October,	303.42
November,	584.38
December,	360.70
	\$4,309.55

The detailed statement of the expenditures from the income of this fund is as follows :

Academy of Natural Sciences,	\$5.00
Allyn, John,	36.34
American Chemical Journal,	3.00
American Journal of Mathematics,	5.00
American Journal of Philology,	3.00
Anthony, E., & Sons,	6.00
Appleton, D., & Co.,	5.40
Armstrong, A. C., & Sons,	4.00
Austin, J. O.,	10.00
Brinton, D. G.,	3.00
City Treasurer,	128.50
Clark, A. S.,	6.95
Crooker, C. A.,	3.50

Cushing, William,	3.15
Dews, Edwin,	336.05
Dufossé, E.,	9.66
Elliot, A. M.,	2.50
Ellis, George H.,	2.00
Essex Institute,	3.00
Francis, D. G.,	13.73
Goss, F. B.,	2.00
Graham, A. A., Secretary,	4.00
Greene, A. C., & Sons,	5.00
Greenough, W. A., & Co.,	2.00
Harper, F. P.,	2.43
Harvard Monthly,	2.00
Hickox, J. H.,	5.00
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	57.00
Humphrey, George W.,	8.75
Hutchinson, H. S., & Co.,	630.46
Inman, H. S.,	5.50
Johns Hopkins University,	6.20
Johnston, W. J.,	3.00
Kane, D. J., & Bro.,	33.40
Lamb, J. H., Agent,	6.00
Larned, J. N.,	4.00
Lawrence, L. L.,	8.00
Lawton, J. M., Jr.,	631.09
Lend a Hand Co.,	4.80
Library Bureau,	1.00
Little, Brown & Co.,	1,063.89
Littlefield, George E.,	307.74
Loomis, J. W.,	4.25
Louderwick, W. H., & Co.,	52.50
Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder,	3.00
Massachusetts Historical Society,	5.00
McDonough, Joseph,	24.31
Mercury Publishing Company,	6.00
Morgan, H. J.,	2.50
Morrell, T. H.,	7.65
Morse, George D.,	4.00
Munsell's Sons,	24.77
Nash, E. W.,	17.18
Noyes, H. D., & Co.,	40.70
Parsons, John D., Jr.,	18.00
Peet, S. D.,	27.00
Poor, H. V. & H. W.,	6.00
Publishers' Weekly,	9.00

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Q. P. Index,	1.00	
Raymond, E. P.,	3.00	
Roffe, A. H., & Co.,	395.00	
Sampson, Murdock & Co.,	4.50	
Savery, M. E., Agent,	1.00	
Schoenhof, Carl,	132.51	
Scribner's Sons,	42.40	
Shea, John G.,	5.00	
Taber, Mary Jane,	2.00	
Thurston, B., & Co.,	5.00	
U. S. Patent Office,	15.00	
Way, J. D.,	27.00	
Williamson & Co.,	8.50	
Wilson, E. L.,	5.00	
Woman's Journal,	1.50	
Woodward, C. L.,	20.89	
Zahm, S. H., & Co.,	4.75	\$4,309.55

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., FUND.

1887.		
Jan. 1. Unexpended balance of income,	\$310.53	
One year's interest,	96.00	\$406.53

CHARLES W. MORGAN FUND.

1887.		
Jan. 1. Unexpended balance of income,	\$421.17	
One year's interest,	60.00	\$481.17

OLIVER CROCKER FUND.

1887.		
Jan. 1. Unexpended balance of income,	\$242.90	
One year's interest,	60.00	
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	\$302.90	
George W. Tryon, Jr.'s, bill,	40.00	\$262.90

JAMES B. CONGDON FUND.

1887.		
Jan. 1. Unexpended balance of income,	\$260.37	
One year's interest,	30.00	\$290.37

DOG FUND.

1887.		
Jan. Unexpended balance,	\$602.74	
Feb. Received from County Treasurer,	794.99	\$1,397.73

## TRUSTEES' REPORT.

Paid Yorick W. Ames, janitor,	\$540.00	
Samuel H. Cook, insurance,	93.75	
L. Grinnell & Co., insurance,	93.75	
C. F. Borden, book-cases,	45.00	772.50
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		\$625.23

Total unexpended balance in the control of the Board of Trustees :

1888, Jan. 1. Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	\$9,649.45	
George Howland, Jr., fund,	406.53	
Charles W. Morgan fund,	481.17	
Oliver Crocker fund,	262.90	
James B. Congdon fund,	290.37	
Dog fund,	625.23	\$11,715.65

GEORGE H. DUNBAR, Clerk.

## GIFTS, 1887.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.,..	2	
American Peace Society, Boston, Mass., .....	1	
American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, Pa.,	2	
Ames, John G., Washington, D. C., .....	1	
Amherst College, Mass., .....	2	
Anthony, E. & Sons, City, .....	107	183
Apprentices' Library Company, Philadelphia, Pa.,		1
Battell, Robbins and Miss Anna, Norfolk, Conn.,..	1	
Bell, W. S., Chicago, Ill., .....		1
Boston City Government, .....	3	
Boston Public Library, .....		3
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me., .....		1
Bowen, Clarence W., New York City, .....		2
Bradlee, Rev. Caleb D., Boston, Mass., .....		8
Brookline (Mass.) Public Library, .....		1
Brooklyn (N. Y.) Library, .....		3
Brownell, Frank T., New York City, .....	4	1
Buckminster, Joseph, City, .....	5	
Buffalo (N. Y.) Library, .....		1
Butler Hospital for the Insane, Providence, R. I., .		1
Chamber of Commerce, St. Paul, Minn., .....		1
Cincinnati (Ohio) Public Library, .....	1	6
Clarke Inst. for Deaf Mutes, Northampton, Mass.,		1
Cobden Club, London, Eng., .....		4
Cohen, Max, Librarian Maimonides Library, .....		1
Columbia College, New York City, .....		1
Collet, C. D., Diplomatic Review Office, London, ..		2
Commissioners of the State Reservation at Niagara, Buffalo, N. Y., .....		2
Committee of Slocum Post No. 10, Department of Rhode Island, G. A. R., .....	1	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, .....	15	3
Cook, Samuel H., City, .....		1
Cooper Union, New York City, .....		1



	Volumes. Pamphlets.	
Crapo, William W., City,.....	4	
Crunden, Frederick M., St. Louis, Mo., .....		1
Cutter, Abram E., Charlestown, Mass., .....		1
Day, David T., Washington, D. C., .....		4
Dexter, Franklin B., New Haven, Conn., .....	2	1
Dimmock, George, Cambridge, Mass., .....		1
Dimond, H. C. & Co., Boston, Mass., .....	1	
Dunbar, George H., City, .....	3	5
Durfee, William, City, .....		1
Eclectic Medical College, New York City,.....		1
Farrington, William H., New York City,.....	59	9
Fernow, Berthold, Albany, N. Y.,.....		1
Fessenden, C. B. H., City,.....		8
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt.,.....		1
Foote, Henry W.,.....		1
Francis, Joseph, .....		1
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, N. Y.,		1
Georgia Historical Society, Savannah, Ga., .....		1
Gifford, William L. R., City, .....		3
Goddard, William N., Hopedale, Mass.,.....		1
Green, Dr. Samuel A., Boston, Mass., .....	1	9
Hakes, Harry, .....	1	
Hartford (Conn.) Library Association,.....		5
Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.,.....		5
Hathaway, James H., City, .....	2	
Hough, George T., City, .....	42	10
Huling, Ray Greene, City, .....		1
Hutchinson, H. S., City, .....		1
Indianapolis (Ind.) Library,.....		1
Julien, Matthew C., City, .....	1	
Keenan, John J., Boston Public Library, Jamaica Plain Branch,.....	1	
Ladd, Warren, City, .....	2	10
Lancaster (Mass.) Library Committee,.....		1
Lawrence (Mass.) Free Public Library,.....		1
Library Company, Philadelphia, Pa., .....		3
Lynn (Mass.) Public Library, .....		1
Maverick National Bank, Boston, Mass., .....	1	
McMahan, Thomas, Hollister, Col.,...Newspapers.		
Mercantile Library Association, New York,.....		2
Mercantile Library Co., Philadelphia, Pa., .....		1
Mercury Publishing Co., City,.....		2
Merrill, Edward B., New York City, .....	81	358
Middlesex Mechanics' Association, Lowell, Mass.,..		1

	Volumes. Pamphlets.	
Mills, Walter T., Wooster, Ohio,.....	1	
Mitchell, D. L.,.....		1
Monroe, Fred. S., City,.....		1
Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary, So. Hadley, Mass.,		1
Morgan, S. Griffiths, City,.....		1
New Haven (Conn.) Free Public Library,.....	1	1
New Jersey State Library, Trenton, N. J.,.....		2
Newport (R. I.) Historical Society,.....		1
Newton (Mass.) Free Library,.....		1
Nye, Ebenezer, City,.....		1
Nye, Gideon, Jr., Canton, China,.....	1	1
Nye, William B., Columbia College, New York,...	1	
Omaha (Neb.) Board of Trade,.....		2
Omaha (Neb.) Public Library,.....		1
Palmer, George H., City,.....		2
Peabody Institute, Baltimore, Md.,.....		1
Perkins Institution for the Blind, Boston, Mass., ..		1
Potter, Southward, 2d, City,.....	24	
Providence (R. I.) Public Library,.....	1	1
Public Library, Swansea, Wales,.....		1
Publishers of The Advocate of Peace, Boston, ....	1	
— — The Am. Lithographer and Printer,.....	1	
— — The Folio, Boston,.....	1	
— — The Manifesto, Canterbury, N. H.,.....	1	
— — The Signs of the Times, Oakland, Cal.,.....	1	
— — The Union Signal, Chicago, Ill.,.....	1	
— — The Watchman, Boston,.....	1	
Quint, Alonzo H., Dover, N. H.,.....	1	
Rantoul, R. S., Salem, Mass.,.....		1
Redwood Library, Newport, R. I.,.....		1
Richards, Ellen H., Boston, Mass.,.....	1	
Rodman, Edmund, City,.....	1	
Rodman, Thomas R., City,.....		1
Romero, Matias, Washington, D. C.,.....	1	
Rotch, Morgan, City,.....Photograph.		
Royal Society of Canada, Montreal, Canada,.....	1	
Russell, Martha, City,.....	4	
Sawyer Free Public Library, Gloucester, Mass.,...	1	
Sims, Wm., Sec. State Board of Agricul., Kansas, ..	1	
Slade, Avery F., Somerset, Mass.,.....		1
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.,.....		1
Springfield (Mass.) City Library Association,.....		1
Sutro, Theodore, New York City,.....	1	
Taunton (Mass.) Public Library,.....		1

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Thompson, William, City,.....	1	29
Thomson, John H., City,.....		2
Tilley, R. H., Newport, R. I., .....		1
Tinkham, Otis, City, .....	6	
Tyler, Charles E., City, .....	2	
Underwood, B. G., New York City, .....	1	
University of California, .....		1
United States :		
— Bureau of Education, .....	1	4
— Coast Survey,.....	1	
— Commissioners of Fish and Fisheries, .....		4
— Department of the Interior, .....	66	2
— Patent Office,.....	1	
— State Department, .....	3	10
— Treasury Department, .....	5	
Wharton, Francis, Washington, D. C., .....	3	
Wilcox, Thomas, City, .....	15	
Willey, Henry, City, .....	109	67
Wilmington (Del.) Institute, .....		1
Wilson, D. M., ....		1
Winslow, George F.,.....		2
Winthrop, R. C., Jr., Boston, Mass.,.....	1	
Woburn (Mass.) Public Library, .....		1
Woman's Medical College of Penn., Phila., Pa., ...		1
Worcester (Mass.) Public Library, .....		1
Worth, Benjamin, City, .....		1
Wright, Carroll D., Boston, Mass., .....	1	
Wyman, A. F., City, .....		Magazines.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

April 12, 1888.

Received, ordered printed in the City Documents, and  
sent down for concurrence.

D. B. LEONARD,

City Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL,

April 26, 1888.

Concurred.

WM. A. MACKIE,

Clerk.



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**TRUSTEES.**

*Ex-Officio. Terms expire January, 1890.*

WALTER CLIFFORD, Mayor of the City.

WILLIAM A. TUCKER, President of the Common Council.

LUTHER G. HEWINS, JR., Chairman of the Committee of the City Council on Public Instruction.

*Elected by the City Council.*

LEONARD B. ELLIS,	Term expires April, 1889.
ARTHUR G. GRINNELL,	Term expires April, 1889.
GEORGE H. DUNBAR,	Term expires April, 1890.
GEORGE HOWLAND, JR.,	Term expires April, 1890.
ISAAC B. TOMPKINS, JR.,	Term expires April, 1891.
MATTHEW C. JULIEN,	Term expires April, 1891.

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**PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD.  
THE MAYOR.**

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**CLERK.  
GEORGE H. DUNBAR.**

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**COMMITTEES.**

*On the Library*—The Mayor, Messrs. Howland, Tucker, and Julien.

*On the Building*—Messrs. Tompkins, Hewins, and Ellis.

*On Binding and Blanks*—Messrs. Dunbar and Grinnell.

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**SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LIBRARY.  
GEORGE H. DUNBAR.**

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**LIBRARIAN.  
ROBERT C. INGRAHAM.**

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**ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.  
WILLIAM L. R. GIFFORD.**

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**ASSISTANTS.**

JOSEPHINE A. MERRICK, MARY E. BROWN,  
SUSIE H. GAMMONS.

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**JANITOR.  
YORICK W. AMES.**

# REPORT.

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*To the City Council of the City of New Bedford:*

GENTLEMEN,—It is a pleasure to report to you the condition and improvements made in the Public Library during the past year. Although the management and methods have been the same as heretofore, yet the distribution of books has increased and there have been more patrons in the reading room. This is made far more attractive by hanging on the walls portraits of former eminent citizens, who by their ability and liberality have made New Bedford well known in the history of the country; photographs of houses and places that a few years hence will hardly be recognizable on account of the growth and change in our city; and maps and drawings showing these changes from 1795 up to the present time. The memorial tablet of the late Sylvia Ann Howland is now placed where it can be seen by all. Since the library is naturally a repository of books and learning, we would like to make it one of pictures, and of historical and classical interests as well; and we would be glad to adorn the walls with mementos of early New Bedford and its citizens.

Early in the year special shelves were put up in the reading room for holding reference books, which readers might use without applying to the assistants at the desk; and later the cabinet for holding the card catalogue was made and placed in the centre of the room. When the public have become accustomed to the simple method of using this catalogue, its convenience and superiority over the

former catalogue and its various supplements will be fully appreciated. At certain hours the reading chairs are well occupied, and the newspaper files are in good demand.

In the number of volumes and pamphlets we have had an increase of three thousand one hundred thirty-seven during the year, making a total of over fifty-three thousand; of these, fiction and juveniles comprise about six per cent. of the whole. There have been taken from the library in the past twelve months sixty-eight thousand nine hundred thirty-nine books, or a daily average of two hundred twenty-five. About one hundred seventy-five periodicals are received, most of which are placed upon the reading room tables; the others, being of interest to specialists only, may be had on application at the desk. In addition to these there are fifteen newspapers on files. There have been during the year two hundred seventy-eight volumes bound, and two hundred seven rebound. The librarian has sent out seventy-six notices for books overdue. Four hundred twenty volumes have been worn out and rejected. The volumes that were overcrowded and awaiting shelf-room have now been arranged on a movable system, which in connection with the card catalogue enables them to be located and changed without any inconvenience or delay, thus greatly facilitating their delivery; they will be numbered as soon as possible.

We may have a few books that are maliciously injured; but, doubtless, a great many suffer from carelessness. Some people seem to think that when they take out a book and hold themselves responsible for its safety, they have a right to make marginal notes and to mark what perchance may be of future use to themselves or others; it is not their book for the time being, and they have no right whatever to deface it.

Our principal gift of the past year was by the liberality of the late George O. Crocker, who bequeathed \$10,000 to the

library, the income of which is in no way restricted, but is to be used as the Trustees deem most advantageous. We have received collections of volumes and pamphlets from Hon. George Howland, Jr., and Henry Willey, Esq.; several MS. volumes of whaling records, kept by the late Dennis Wood, from Samuel H. Cook, Esq.; and also through Mr. J. A. P. Allen, as a bequest from Mrs. Wm. H. Allen, a wax medallion portrait of Hon. Caleb Strong, the well known Federalist governor of Massachusetts. From the Royal Society of Canada we have continued to receive their Proceedings and Transactions. In the appendix will be found the names of others who have kindly increased our list of valuable books and pamphlets.

## APPENDIX.

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 1888.

#### STATEMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

1888.			
Jan 1.	Cash on hand,	\$76.31	
	Paper stock,	4.35	
	143 fiction catalogues,	35.75	
	Fines,	218.53	
	Books destroyed and paid for,	1.72	\$336.66
	 Paid for expressage, freight, and jobbing,	 \$39.71	
	P. O. box and postage,	28.99	
	Books,	2.27	
	Binding and paper cutting,	19.85	
	Stationery,	43.92	
	Incidentals,	132.14	
1889, Jan. 1.	Balance in hands of librarian,	69.78	\$336.66

#### FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1888, Jan. 1.	Bills approved January,	\$434.58	
	February,	417.34	
	March,	766.70	
	April,	516.80	
	May,	431.78	
	June,	471.32	
	July,	455.74	
	August,	457.09	
	September,	490.22	
	October,	464.59	
	November,	429.50	
	December,	526.22	\$5851.88
1888, Jan. 1.	Annual appropriation,	\$5400.00	
	Transfer,	451.88	\$5851.88

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TRUST FUND ACCOUNT.

1888.

Jan. 1. Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	\$9,649.45
George Howland, Jr., fund,	406.53
Charles W. Morgan fund,	481.17
Oliver Crocker fund,	262.90
James B. Congdon fund,	290.37
Dog fund,	625.23 \$11,715.65

SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND.

1888.

Jan. 1. Unexpended balance of income,	\$9,649.45
July 1. Six months' interest,	1,500.00
Dec. 31. Six months' interest,	1,500.00 \$12,649.45

Bills approved for books, periodicals, and binding, viz. :

January audit,	\$422.83
February,	275.07
March,	235.12
April,	495.67
May,	440.13
June,	512.63
July,	307.22
August,	175.24
September,	234.70
October,	338.15
November,	311.63
December,	706.61 \$4455.00

The detailed statement of the expenditures from the income of this fund is as follows :

Academy of Natural Sciences,	\$5.00
Allyn & Bacon,	15.53
Allyn, John,	1.85
American Chemical Journal,	3.00
American Journal of Mathematics,	5.00
American Journal of Philology,	3.00
Anthony, E. & Sons,	6.00
Appleton, D. & Co.,	5.40
Armstrong, A. C. & Son,	3.00
Balch Bros. & Graham,	10.50
Bancroft Whitney Co.,	12.00

Bittinger, J. O.,	\$3.65
Boston Society of Natural History,	7.00
Bowker R. R.	5.00
Cambridge Entomological Society,	5.00
City Treasurer,	126.00
Clark, A. S.,	8.72
Clarke, Robert & Co.,	1.50
Clark & Carruth,	4.36
Conant, Fred. O.,	5.00
Coöperative Newspaper Society,	2.25
Dante Society	10.00
Dawson, H. B.,	3.00
Dews, Edwin,	425.59
Electrical World,	3.00
Elis, George H.,	2.00
Essex Institute,	7.50
Francis, D. G.,	22.05
Garrison, Martin & Co.,	5.00
Gately & Co.,	10.00
Goss, F. B. & F. P.,	2.00
Harper, F. P.,	7.12
Harvard Monthly,	2.00
Henry, J. B.,	1.50
Hickox, J. H.,	5.00
Historic Society of Penn.,	5.00
Houghton Mifflin & Co.,	3.50
Hutchinson, H. S. & Co.,	863.66
Inman, H. S.,	11.00
Jackson, Wm.,	3.00
Kane, D. J. & Bro.,	45.10
Lamb, J. H., Agent,	6.00
Lawrence, L. L.,	1.00
Lawton, J. M., Jr.,	821.10
"Lead a Hand" Pub. Co.,	2.00
Little, Brown & Co.,	957.72
Littlefield, George E.,	245.82
Mass. Historical Society,	8.50
McDonough, J.,	10.35
Mercury Pub. Co.,	6.00
Middlesex Institute,	1.00
Modern Language Notes,	1.50
Munsell' Sons,	6.05
Narragansett Histor. Pub. Co.,	2.00
New Haven Colony Histor. Society,	5.00
N. Y. Shakspeare Society,	2.50
Nichols. C. A. & Co.,	5.00

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Noyes, H. D. & Co.,		\$23.85	
Parsons, J. D., Jr.,		4.50	
Peet, S. D.,		8.00	
Poor, H. V. & H. W.,		8.00	
Publishers' Weekly,		1.50	
Q. P. Index,		3.50	
Randolph & English,		5.00	
Raymond, E. P.,		3.00	
Roffe, A. H. & Co.,		215.00	
Sampson, Murdock & Co.,		5.00	
Schoenhof, Carl,		157.81	
Scranton, S. S. & Co.,		1.50	
Scribner's Sons,		22.50	
Scudder, S. H.,		15.00	
Shakspeare Society,		2.50	
Shea, J. G.,		5.00	
Stechert, G. E.,		16.10	
Studies in Histor. & Polit. Science,		4.00	
Taylor, T. J.,		28.15	
Thurston, B. & Co.,		15.00	
Ticknor & Co.,		15.00	
U. S. Patent Office,		62.40	
Waldron, C. D.,		3.00	
Wilbor, G. H.,		3.75	
Wiley, H.,		5.00	
Wilson, E. L.,		3.46	
Winslow, W. C.,		15.00	
Woodward, C. L.,		2.00	
Wright, W. C.,		20.00	
Zahm, S. H. & Co.,		23.16	\$4455.00

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., FUND.

1888.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$406.53	
	One year's interest,	96.00	
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		\$502.53	
	H. S. Inman,	\$210.00	
	Chas. Taber & Co.,	200.00	410.00
			\$92.53

CHARLES W. MORGAN FUND.

1888.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$481.17	
	One year's interest,	60.00	
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		\$541.17	
	Little, Brown & Co.,	\$195.03	
	E. Muybridge,	100.00	295.03
			\$246.14



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## OLIVER CROCKER FUND.

1888.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$262.90	
	One year's interest,	60.00	
		<u>\$322.90</u>	
	Academy of Nat. Sciences,	30.00	\$292.90

## JAMES B. CONGDON FUND.

1888.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$290.37	
	One year's interest,	30.00	\$320.37

## DOG FUND.

1888.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance,	\$625.23	
Feb.	Received from County Treasurer,	987.69	
		<u>\$1612.92</u>	
	Paid Y. W. Ames, janitor,	\$540.00	
	Briggs & Lawrence, furniture,	49.00	
	C. F. Borden, catalogue drawers,	78.85	
	S. H. Cook, insurance,	187.50	
	L. Grinnell, insurance,	187.50	1042.85
			\$570.07

## GEORGE O. CROCKER FUND.

Interest,	\$271.11	
Paid C. F. Borden,	45.57	\$225.54

Total unexpended balance in the control of the Board of Trustees :

1889, Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	\$8194.45	
	George Howland, Jr., fund,	92.53	
	Charles W. Morgan fund,	246.14	
	Oliver Crocker fund,	292.90	
	James B. Congdon fund,	320.37	
	George O. Crocker fund,	225.54	
	Dog fund,	570.07	\$9942.00

GEORGE H. DUNBAR, Clerk.

# GIFTS, 1888.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Allen, Mrs. William H., city, . . . . .		Portrait.
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass., . .	3	
American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, Penn.,	1	
Ames, John G., Washington, D. C., . . . . .	1	
Ames Free Library, North Easton, Mass., . . . . .	1	
Amherst College, Amherst, Mass., . . . . .	1	
Anthony, Edmund & Sons, city, . . . . .	1	
Appleton, D. & Co., New York City, . . . . .	1	
Apprentices' Library, New York, . . . . .	1	
Apprentices' Library Company, Philadelphia, Penn.,	1	
Arber, Prof. Edward, Birmingham, Eng., . . . . .	1	
Astor Library, New York, . . . . .	1	
Ayer, J. C. & Co., Lowell, Mass., . . . . .	1	
Bancroft Whitney Co., San Francisco, Cal., . . . . .	1	
Board of Trade, Grand Rapids, Mich., . . . . .	1	
Boston Municipal Government, . . . . .	2	
Boston Public Library, . . . . .	3	
Bradlee, Rev. Caleb D., Boston, Mass., . . . . .	1	6
Brayton, John S., Esq., Fall River, . . . . .	1	
Bridgeport Public Library, Bridgeport, Conn., . . .	1	
Brookline Public Library, Brookline, Mass., . . . . .	2	
Brooklyn Library, Brooklyn, N. Y., . . . . .	1	
Brownell, Frank T., New York City, N. Y., . . . . .	2	
Buckminster, Joseph, city, . . . . .	6	3
Buffalo Library, Buffalo, N. Y., . . . . .	1	
Chase, Ariel, city, . . . . .	2	
Christian Science Publishing Society, Boston, Mass., .	1	
Cincinnati Public Library, Cincinnati, Ohio, . . . .	4	
Cobden Club, London, Eng., . . . . .	5	23
Coggeshall, R. C. P., city, . . . . .	3	2
Coles, Abraham, Newark, N. J., . . . . .	1	
Columbia College, New York City, N. Y., . . . . .	1	
Commissioners of the State Reservation at Niagara, Albany, N. Y., . . . . .	1	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Boston, Mass., . .	11	3

Cook, Samuel H., city, . . . . .	5 MSS.	
Coolidge, T. Jefferson, Manchester, Mass., . . . . .		1
Cooper Union, New York, . . . . .		1
Cox, John, city, . . . . .	6	
Crapo, William W., city, . . . . .	4	
Cutter, Abram E., Charlestown, Mass., . . . . .		1
Deane, L., Washington, D. C., . . . . .		1
Detroit Public Library, Detroit, Mich., . . . . .		1
Dexter, Franklin B., New Haven, Conn., . . . . .		1
Doran, Joseph I., Philadelphia, Penn., . . . . .		1
Dunbar, George H., city, . . . . .	2	1
Durand, John, New York City, . . . . .		1
Eclectic Medical College, New York, N. Y., . . . . .		2
Emery, Edwin, city, . . . . .		16
Emery, William M., Brunswick, Maine, . . . . .	2	1
Ernst, Carl W., Boston, Mass., . . . . .		1
Fall River Public Library, Fall River, . . . . .		1
Farrington, William H., New York, . . . . .		11
Faxon, Henry H., Boston, . . . . .	1	1
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt., . . . . .		1
Fullerton, Alex., Wilkesbarre, Penn., . . . . .		1
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, New York, . . . . .		1
Georgia Historical Society, Savannah, Ga., . . . . .		1
Germantown Friends' Free Library, . . . . .		1
Gifford, William L. R., city, . . . . .	5	2
Goddard, W. N., Hopedale, Mass., . . . . .		1
Goodell, Abner C., Jr., Boston, . . . . .		2
Greely, A. W., Washington, D. C., . . . . .		1
Green, Dr. Samuel A., Boston, Mass., . . . . .	7	13
Hackett, Frank W., Portsmouth, N. H., . . . . .	1	
Hartford Library Association, Hartford, Conn., . . . . .		4
Hathaway, Francis R., city, . . . . .		2
Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass., . . . . .		3
Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Mass., . . . . .	1	
Helleberg, C. G., Chicago, Ill., . . . . .	1	
Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, . . . . .	2	
Hoar, George F., Worcester, Mass., . . . . .		1
Howland, George, Jr., city, . . . . .	30	1
Hubbard, Oliver P., . . . . .		1
Huling, Ray Greene, city, . . . . .	1	3
Jackson, Henry R., . . . . .		1
King, Moses, Boston, . . . . .		1
Knight, Charles W., city, . . . . .	9 papers.	
Lancaster Library Committee, Lancaster, . . . . .		1

Lawrence Public Library, Lawrence, . . . . .		1
Leeson, J. R., Boston, Mass., . . . . .	1	1
Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, Penn., . . . .		1
Leonard, Elisha, city, . . . . .		MSS.
Lynn Public Library, Lynn, Mass., . . . . .		1
Maimonides Library, New York, . . . . .		1
McKee, Major James C., Watertown Arsenal, Mass., .		1
Marsh, Col. Lucius B., Boston, . . . . .	1	
Massachusetts Civil Service Commissioners, Boston, .		1
Massachusetts Tariff Reform League, Boston, Mass., .		1
Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Boston, . . . . .		1
Massachusetts Society for Promoting Good Citizenship, Boston, . . . . .		1
Mercantile Library Company, New York, . . . . .		2
Meteorological Bureau, Columbus, Ohio, . . . . .		1
Moseley, Edw. A., Secretary Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D. C., . . . . .	1	
Nash, E. W., New York, N. Y., . . . . .		1
Newark Library Association, Newark, N. J., . . . .		1
Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois, . . . . .		1
New England Dental Society, Cambridge, . . . . .	1	
New Haven Free Public Library, New Haven, Conn.,		1
New Jersey State Government, Newark, N. J., . . .	1	
Newton Free Library, . . . . .		1
New York Free Circulating Library, . . . . .		1
Nichols, Frederick, Boston, Mass., . . . . .		3
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, Northampton, Mass.,		1
Nye, Mrs. Obed C., city, . . . . .		1
Omaha Board of Trade, Omaha, Neb., . . . . .		1
Omaha Public Library, Omaha, Neb., . . . . .		1
Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass., . . . . .		2
Perkins Institution for the Blind, Boston, . . . . .		1
Pillsbury, Parker, Concord, N. H., . . . . .		1
Potter, Southward, 2d, city, . . . . .	1	
Pouchet, H. G. C., Paris, France, . . . . .		1
Preston, Sidney H., Westminster, London, S. W., . .	1	
Providence Public Library, Providence, R. I., . . . .		1
Publishers of the Folio, Boston, Mass., . . . . .	5	
Randolph, J. W., and English, Richmond, Va., . . .		1
Redwood Library, Newport, R. I., . . . . .		1
Rockwell & Churchill, Boston, . . . . .		1
Rodman, Edmund, city, . . . . .		1
Rosse, Irving C., Washington, D. C., . . . . .		4
Roswell, J. C., Oakland, Cal., . . . . .		1

Royal Society of Canada, Montreal, Canada, . . . . .	1	
San Francisco Public Library, San Francisco, Cal., . . . . .		1
Smith, George W., Philadelphia, . . . . . Photo.		
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., . . . . .	2	
Sprague, Homer B., Grand Forks, Dakota, . . . . .		1
Springfield City Library Association, Springfield, Mass., . . . . .		8
St. Louis Public Library, F. M. Crunden, Libn., . . . . .		1
Swift, George B., Chicago, Ill., . . . . .	1	
Taber, Wm. C., Jr., city, . . . . .		1
Taunton Public Library, Taunton, . . . . .		1
Thompson, James D., city, . . . . . Maps.		
Thompson, Susan (Taber), . . . . .	2	7
Trenholm, W. L., Washington, D. C., . . . . .	1	
Tyler, Charles E., New Bedford, . . . . .		5
University of California, San Francisco, Cal., . . . . .		1
University of Penn., Philadelphia, Penn., . . . . .	1	
United States:		
— Bureau of Education, . . . . .	1	1
— Coast Survey, . . . . .	2	
— Interior Department, . . . . .	72	1
— Patent Office, . . . . .	1	
— State Department, . . . . . Map.	1	11.
— Treasury Department, . . . . .	4	
— War Department, . . . . .	8	4
Waltham Public Library, Waltham, Mass., . . . . .		2
Watertown Free Public Library, Watertown, Mass., . . . . .		1
Wattley, Chas., city, . . . . .	1	
Whitaker, Alfred E., San Francisco, Cal., . . . . .		1
White, Guilford, Easton, Mass., . . . . .		1
Willey, Henry, city, . . . . .	2	7
Willis, Rufus H., city, . . . . .	2	
Wilmington Institute, Wilmington, Delaware, . . . . .		1
Woburn Public Library, Woburn, Mass., . . . . .		1
Woman's Medical College of Penn., Philadelphia, . . . . .		1
Worcester Free Public Library, Worcester, Mass., . . . . .		1
Worth, Benj., city, . . . . .		2
Yale University, New Haven, Conn., . . . . .		1
Young Men's Business Association, Quincy, Ill., . . . . .	1	
Young Men's Christian Association, N. Carolina, . . . . .		2
Zerbone, Antonio, city, . . . . .	7	2

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

March 14, 1889.

Received, ordered printed in the City Documents, and  
sent down for concurrence.

D. B. LEONARD,

City Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL,

March 14, 1889.

Concurred.

WM. A. MACKIE,

Clerk.



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TRUSTEES.

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WALTER CLIFFORD, Mayor of the City.  
WILLIAM A. TUCKER, President of the Common Council.  
LUTHER G. HEWINS, JR., Chairman of the Committee of the City  
Council on Public Instruction.

*Elected by the City Council.*

GEORGE H. DUNBAR,	Term expires April, 1890.
GEORGE HOWLAND, JR.,	Term expires April, 1890.
ISAAC B. TOMPKINS, JR.,	Term expires April, 1891.
MATTHEW C. JULIEN,	Term expires April, 1891.
LEONARD B. ELLIS,	Term expires April, 1892.
ARTHUR G. GRINNELL,	Term expires April, 1892.

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PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD.  
THE MAYOR.

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CLERK.  
GEORGE H. DUNBAR.

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COMMITTEES.  
*On the Library*—The Mayor, Messrs. Howland, Tucker, and Julien.  
*On the Building*—Messrs. Tompkins, Hewins, and Ellis.  
*On Binding and Blanks*—Messrs. Dunbar and Grinnell.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LIBRARY.  
GEORGE H. DUNBAR.

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LIBRARIAN.  
ROBERT C. INGRAHAM.

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ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.  
WILLIAM L. R. GIFFORD.

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ASSISTANTS.  
JOSEPHINE A. MERRICK, M. E. BROWN,  
SUSIE H. GAMMONS.

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JANITOR.  
YORICK W. AMES.

# REPORT.

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*To the City Council of the City of New Bedford:*

GENTLEMEN,— In accordance with our usual custom, we submit our annual statistical report, with explanatory comments and such suggestions as our increasing needs make necessary.

Our city is increasing rapidly in population; and we note with pleasure a corresponding addition in the number of people who frequent the library. This indicates an appreciation of privileges which help make better citizens, and which place refining influences within the reach of all. We sincerely hope for your coöperation in extending the scope of the benefits conferred on us by liberal-spirited citizens, and which enable us to enjoy many luxuries denied other cities of our size and wealth. These gifts have made the expenses of the library financially easy for the tax-payers and have accomplished an amount of good that must be plainly apparent.

Our income from the trust funds has been used during the past year not only in the purchase of the customary books of the day, but also, to a greater extent than formerly, in procuring some valuable art works. The unrestricted bequest of the late George O. Crocker has enabled us to make many improvements which add to the comfort and convenience of the patrons of the library.

Our most important need at present is the exchange of the arc lights in the old part of the library for incandescent lights, such as are already in use in the other rooms.

The committee on city property will doubtless attend to this matter early in the year.

At the earnest solicitation of the trustees, our librarian, Robert C. Ingraham, left his post of duty last spring for about four months. Our motives were twofold: first, that his health, which was seriously impaired, might be improved; and secondly, that we might profit by that improvement in retaining for many years the invaluable services of a man who has become almost a part of the library. Mr. Ingraham returned greatly benefited by his journey, — a result most gratifying to us.

During 1889, four hundred eighty-two (482) volumes were worn out and rejected. Nearly all of these were fiction; and some of them were extra copies which did not have to be replaced. Two hundred eighty (280) volumes have been bound, and three hundred seventy-seven (377) rebound. Ninety-four (94) notices have been sent for books overdue. There has been an increase in the circulation of books of about six thousand four hundred (6400) over that for 1888. During the past year, seventy-five thousand three hundred twenty-five (75,325) volumes were taken from the library, making the average circulation about two hundred fifty (250) daily. One thousand sixty-two (1062) new names have been added to our list of takers of books. There has also been an increased use of books in the library rooms, but of this no record is kept.

We purchased in 1889 two thousand four hundred thirty-four (2434) books and pamphlets. No systematic enumeration of the books in the library has been made for several years, and so the number cannot be accurately stated. It is probably, however, slightly in excess of fifty-five thousand (55,000). There are sixteen newspapers on file in the reading room, and a few additions have been made to our list of periodicals.

Since our last report, there have been presented to the library four hundred forty-nine (449) volumes; eight hundred eighteen (818) pamphlets; a valuable map of New Bedford in 1815; and a photograph of a small sketch-map of New Bedford and vicinity, drawn by Ezra Stiles in 1762. These maps have been framed and now hang in the reading room. A list of those who have made gifts to the library will be found in the appendix.

## APPENDIX.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING THE  
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 1889.

## STATEMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

1889.			
Jan. 1.	Cash on hand,	\$69.78	
	Paper stock,	4.29	
	54 fiction catalogues,	13.50	
	Fines,	152.22	
	Book lost and paid for,	3.00	\$242.79
	Paid for expressage, freight, and jobbing,	\$38.31	
	P. O. box and postage,	36.38	
	Books,	5.15	
	Binding and paper cutting,	13.35	
	Stationery,	37.09	
	Furniture.	7.36	
	Incidentals,	71.92	
1890, Jan. 1.	Balance in hands of librarian.	33.23	\$242.79

## FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1889, Jan. 1.	Bills approved		
	January,	\$445.00	
	February,	470.14	
	March,	511.94	
	April,	476.94	
	May,	475.70	
	June,	486.37	
	July,	474.09	
	August.	487.60	
	September,	458.50	
	October,	499.24	
	November,	446.90	
	December,	491.94	\$5,724.36
1889, Jan. 1.	Annual appropriation,	\$5,500.00	
	Transfer,	224.36	\$5,724.36

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TRUST FUND ACCOUNT.

1889.		
Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	\$8,194.45
	George Howland, Jr.. fund,	92.53
	Charles W. Morgan fund,	246.14
	Oliver Crocker fund,	292.90
	James B. Congdon fund,	320.37
	George O. Crocker fund,	225.54
	Dog fund,	570.07
		\$9,942.00

SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND.

1889.		
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$8,194.45
July 1.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00
Dec. 31.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00
	Amount returned,	2.00
		\$11,196.45

Bills approved for books, periodicals, and binding, viz. :

January audit,	\$306.84
February,	227.10
March,	398.82
April,	408.39
May,	226.87
June,	451.82
July,	433.07
August,	317.59
September,	345.76
October,	510.03
November,	754.42
December,	679.90
	\$5,120.61

The detailed statement of the expenditures from the income of this fund is as follows :

Academy of Natural Sciences,	\$5.00
Allyn & Bacon,	2.93
American Chemical Journal,	4.00
American Journal of Mathematics,	5.00
American Journal of Philology,	3.00
American Publishing Co.,	5.00
Anthony, E. & Sons,	6.00
Appleton, D. & Co.,	23.40
Austin, J. O.,	5.00
Balch Bros.,	5.50



Bancroft-Whitney Co.,	\$28.00
Boon, E. P.,	5.00
Bryant, H. W.,	8.00
Caspar, C. N.,	8.30
Chadbourne, S. H.,	2.91
City Treasurer,	139.80
Clark, A. S.	6.51
Clarke, W. B. & Co.,	1.40
Coöperative Newspaper Co.,	2.50
Cushing Wm	30.00
Cullen, J. B. & Co.,	3.00
Dews, Edwin,	321.06
Egypt Exploration Fund,	5.00
Electrical World,	3.00
Elliot, A. M.,	8.00
Ellis, G. H.,	2.00
Francis, D. G.,	13.32
Greenough, W. A. & Co.,	2.00
Harper, F. P.,	15.80
Henry Bill Pub. Co.,	6.50
Hickeox, J. H.,	5.00
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	5.00
Hutchinson, H. S. & Co.,	851.86
Inman, H. S.,	16.00
Kane, D. J. & Bro.,	95.35
Lawrence, L. L.,	10.24
Lawton, J. M., Jr.,	27.08
Lee, L. A.,	1.50
Lend-a-Hand Pub. Co.,	2.00
Little, Brown & Co.,	1,466.68
Littlefield, G. E.,	251.79
Luzerne Legal Register,	7.79
Macdonald, Wm & Co.,	8.75
Maine Historical Register,	3.00
Mass. Historical Society,	6.00
McDonough, Jos	19.93
Mercury Pub. Co.,	6.00
Munsel 's Sons,	5.00
Narragansett Histor. Pub. Co.,	2.00
Nash, E. W.,	10.00
Nash, H. C.,	6.00
National Pub. and Printing Co.,	1.55
New England Magazine Co.,	3.75
New England Pub. Co.,	2.50
Noyes, H. D. & Co.,	24.30

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Peet, S. D.,	\$4.00	
Publishers' Weekly,	7.50	
Q. P. Index,	1.50	
Raymond, E. P.,	3.00	
Rider, S. S., Agt.,	10.50	
Rodman, T. R.,	10.00	
Roffe, A. H. & Co.,	217.45	
Sampson, Murdock & Co.,	14.00	
Schoenhof, Carl,	131.09	
Scribner, C., Sons,	4.00	
Scudder, S. H.,	45.00	
Soldiers' and Sailors' Histor. Society,	15.00	
Stechert, G. E.,	2.59	
Studies in Histor. and Political Science,	4.10	
Taber, Robert W.,	875.46	
Taylor, G. A.,	5.25	
Taylor, T. J.,	17.00	
Van Nostrand, D., Co.,	2.15	
Waldron, C. D.,	1.00	
Whitefield, E.,	15.00	
Winslow, W. C.,	10.00	
Yorston Bros.,	178.00	
Zahn, S. H. & Co.,	31.02	\$5,120.61

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., FUND.

1889.		
Jan. 1. Unexpended balance of income,	\$92.53	
One year's interest,	96.00	
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	\$188.53	
H. S. Inman,	100.00	\$88.53

CHARLES W. MORGAN FUND.

1889.		
Jan. 1. Unexpended balance of income,	\$246.14	
One year's interest,	60.00	
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	\$306.14	
Little, Brown & Co.,	1.80	
H. S. Inman,	36.50	
Yorston Bros.,	260.00	298.30
		\$7.84

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## OLIVER CROCKER FUND.

1889.				
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,		\$292.90	
	One year's interest,		60.00	
			<u>\$352.90</u>	
	Academy of Nat. Sciences,	40.00		
	Edwin Dews,	15.00		
	American Polytechnic Co.,	75.00	130.00	\$222.90

## JAMES B. CONGDON FUND.

1889.				
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,		\$320.37	
	One year's interest,		30.00	\$350.37

## GEORGE O. CROCKER FUND.

1889.				
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,		\$225.54	
	One year's interest,		400.00	
			<u>\$625.54</u>	
	C. F. Borden,	170.59		
	Yorston Bros.,	102.00		
	L. B. Ellis,	9.00	281.59	\$343.95

## DOG FUND.

1889.				
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance,		\$570.07	
Feb.	Received from County Treasurer,		<u>1,043.23</u>	
			\$1,613.30	
	Paid Y. W. Ames, janitor,	\$540.00		
	Briggs & Lawrence, furniture,	42.00		
	C. F. Borden, catalogue drawers	30.96		
	C. F. Wing, carpet and shades,	65.98		
	R. C. Ingraham,	750.00		
	A. P. Pope, carpenter,	10.54	1,439.48	\$173.82

Total unexpended balance in the control of the Board of Trustees:

1890, Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,		\$6,075.84	
	George Howland, Jr., fund,		88.53	
	Charles W. Morgan fund,		7.84	
	Oliver Crocker fund,		222.90	
	James B. Congdon fund,		350.37	
	George O. Crocker fund,		343.95	
	Dog fund,		173.82	\$7,263.25

GEORGE H. DUNBAR, Clerk.

## GIFTS, 1889.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Adderman, J. M., Providence, . . . . .	1	6
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.,		1
American Institute of Architects, A. J. Bloor, 18 Broadway, New York, . . . . .		2
American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, Pa.,	1	7
Amherst College, Amherst, Mass., . . . . .		1
Astor Library, New York, N. Y., . . . . .		1
Apprentices' Library, New York, N. Y., . . . . .		2
Apprentices' Library Co., Philadelphia, . . . . .		1
Bancroft-Whitney Co., San Francisco, Cal., . . . .	2	
Barrow, Mrs. John W., . . . . .	1	
Batten, John M., Inquirer Printing and Publishing Co., Lancaster, Pa., . . . . .	1	
Benton, J. H., Jr., . . . . .		1
Boston Public Library, Boston, Mass., . . . . .	1	3
Boston School of Expression, . . . . .		1
Bradlee, Rev. Caleb D., Boston, Mass., . . . . .		3
Brayton, John S., Fall River, Mass., . . . . .	1	
Bridgeport Public Library, . . . . .		1
Bronson Library Fund, Waterbury, Conn., . . . . .		2
Brookline Public Library, Brookline, Mass., . . . .		1
Brooklyn Library, Brooklyn, New York, . . . . .		2
Brown, Harold P., . . . . .		1
Brown, Wm. S., city, . . . . .	2	
Brownell, T. Frank, New York City, . . . . .	3	17
Buchanan, Robert, . . . . .		1
Buckminster, Joseph, city, . . . . .	2	
Buffalo Library, Buffalo, N. Y., . . . . .		1
Burns, Arthur, city, . . . . .	2	
Bushnell, S. C., city, . . . . .		4
Butler Hospital for the Insane, Providence, R. I.,		1
Central Vermont R. R., J. W. Hobart, St. Albans, Vt., . . . . .	2	
Chelsea Public Library, Chelsea, Mass., . . . . .		1
Chicago Public Library, Chicago, Ill., . . . . .		1
Choate, John C., Essex, Mass., . . . . .		1
Cincinnati Public Library, Cincinnati, Ohio, . . . .		5

City of New Bedford, . . . . .	117	54
Cooke, J. P., Boston, . . . . .		1
Clarke Inst. for Deaf Mutes, Northampton, Mass., . . . . .		1
Cleveland Public Library, Cleveland, Ohio, . . . . .	1	
Coffin, Arthur, . . . . .	1	
Columbia College, New York, . . . . .	1	
Commissioners of State Reservation at Niagara, H. E. Gregory, secretary, 214 Broadway, N. Y., . . . . .		1
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Secretary of Commonwealth, Boston, . . . . .	21	2
Conn. Hist. Society, . . . . .	1	
Cooper Union, New York, . . . . .		1
Crapo, Wm. W., city, . . . . .	8	
Cutter, Abram E., Charlestown, Mass., . . . . .		1
Department of Public Parks, New York, . . . . .		1
Detroit Public Library, Detroit, Mich., . . . . .		1
Dexter, Frankiin B., New Haven Conn., . . Photo.	2	1
Dunbar, G. H., city, . . . . .	2	
Dyer, Lieut. Geo. L., . . . . .	1	
Egypt Exploration Fund, Rev. W. C. Winslow, 525 Beacon street, Boston, . . . . .		1
Ewing, Thos., . . . . .		1
Fall River Public Library, Fall River, Mass., . . . . .		2
Farrington, Wm. H., Murray street, New York. . . . .		15
Fessenden, C. B. H., city, . . . . .	1	2
Flanders, Geo. T., city, . . . . .	1	
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt., . . . . .		1
Friends' Free Library, Germantown, Pa., . . . . .		1
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, New York City, . . . . .		1
Gifford, Wm. L. R., city, . . . . .		22
Ginn & Co., Boston, . . . . .		1
Greely, A. W., Gen., Washington, D. C., . . . . .	1	
Green, Dr. Saml. A., Boston, Mass., . . . . .	8	135
Hartford Library Association, Hartford, Conn., . . . . .		5
Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., . . . . .		4
Hathaway, Francis, city, Map of New Bedford, 1815.		
Hawes, Arthur C., city, . . . . .		1
Hawes, Mrs. Lucy W., . . . . .		2
Hennecke, C., Co., Milwaukee, Wis., . . . . .	1	
Hildeburn, C. R., . . . . .		1
Hopedale Public Library, Hopedale, Mass., . . . . .		1
Hough, Dr. Geo. T., city, . . . . .		64
Howland, George, Jr., city, . . . . .	36	
Huling, R. G., city, . . . . .		1

Knowlton, H. M., city, . . . . .	1	
Lancaster, A. E., 138 East 40th street, New York, N. Y., . . . . .	1	
Lancaster Library, Lancaster, Mass., . . . . .		1
Lawrence Free Library, Lawrence, Mass., . . . . .		1
Lee, Leslie A., Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me., . . . . .	3	5
Leeds, Josiah W., 528 Walnut street, Phila., . . . . .		1
Littlefield, Geo. E., Cornhill, Boston, . . . . .	1	
Lowell City Library, Lowell, Mass., . . . . .		1
Lunatic Hospital, Northampton, Mass., . . . . .		1
Lund, F. B., Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass., . . . . .		1
Lynn Public Library, Lynn, Mass., . . . . .		1
Maimonides Library, New York, . . . . .		1
Mass. Civil Service Commissioners, Boston, Mass., . . . . .		1
Mass. New Church Union, 169 Tremont st., Boston, Mass. Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Matthes, Mrs. G. F., city, . . . . .	4	2
Mercantile Library, New York, N. Y., . . . . .		2
Mercantile Library Association, San Francisco, Cal., . . . . .		1
Merrill, E. B., New York City, . . . . .	1	
Minnesota Hist. Society, . . . . .		1
Mitchell, D. L., . . . . .		1
Morgan, S. G., city, . . . . .	15	83
Moseley, E. A., Secretary Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, . . . . .	3	
New Bedford Board of Health, . . . . .		3
New Bedford Board of Trade, . . . . .	3	
New Bedford Water Board, . . . . .		3
Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill., . . . . .		1
New Brunswick Histor. Society, St. Johns, N. B., N. E. Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass., . . . . .	1	1
New Jersey State Gov., M. A. Hamilton, State Librarian, . . . . .	1	
New Jersey State Library, Newark, N. J., . . . . .	1	
Newton Free Library, Newton, Mass., . . . . .		1
Ohio Meteorological Bureau, C. E. Kilbourne, Sec., Columbus, Ohio, . . . . .		12
Ohio State Forestry Bureau, A. Lené, Secretary, Cincinnati, . . . . .	1	
Old Colony Hist. Society, Taunton, Mass., . . . . .		1
Omaha Public Library, Omaha, Neb., . . . . .		1
Peabody Institute, Baltimore, . . . . .		1
Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass., . . . . .		1
Peale, R. S. & Co., Chicago, Ill., . . . . .		1

Penn. College of Dental Surgery, Philadelphia, Pa.,		1
Perkins Inst. for the Blind, Boston, Mass., . . . . .		1
Philological Society, University College, London,		1
Pope, Franklin L., . . . . .	1	1
Potter, Wm. James, city, . . . . .		1
Pouchet, Dr. Georges, Paris, 55 Rue de Buffon, . .		1
Poughkeepsie Board of Education. J. L. Sickley, Librarian, . . . . .		10
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, . . . . .		1
Princeton College, Princeton, N. J., . . . . .		1
Providence Public Library, Providence, R. I. . .		1
Publishers of the "Academe," . . . . .		1
Randall, Chas. S., city, . . . . .	2	2
Redwood Library, Newport, . . . . .		1
Rodman, Edmund, city, . . . . .		12
Rodman, Thos. R., city, . . . . . Framed table,	9	11
Rosse, Irving, Washington, D. C., . . . . .		1
Royal Society of Canada, . . . . .	1	
Rugg, Chas. P., city, . . . . .	1	
Rusk, J. M., Sec. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.,	2	
St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis, Mo., . . . .		1
Salem Public Library, Salem, Mass., . . . . .	1	
San Francisco Public Library, San Francisco, Cal.,		1
Sayer, Wm. L., city, . . . . .	1	
Silas Bronson Library, Waterbury, Conn., . . . .	1	
Smithsonian Inst., Washington, D. C., . . . . .	18	1
Spare, John, city, . . . . .		1
Springfield City Library, Springfield, Mass., . . .		13
Stewart, Hon. Wm. M., . . . . .		1
Swain Free School, city, . . . . .		1
Swift, Geo. B., Dep't of Public Works, Chicago, Ill.,	1	
Taunton Public Library, Taunton, Mass., . . . .		1
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